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PROVINCES CANNOT UNDERMINE CENTRE'S BORROWING CAPACITY

Shanmugham's Plea To Reorient Outlook: Stresses Need For Strong Central Govt.

ENTERPRISE WILL NOT BE CURBED

MADRAS, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.)

The devising of ways and means to tighten up the machinery of taxation, the setting up of an Economy Committee to suggest cuts in the expenditure of the Central Government and the possibility of amending the Constitution so that the Centre could levy taxes on the Trading activity of Provincial governments, were some of the lines of future development indicated by Mr. R. K. Shanmugham Chetty, India's Finance Minister, addressing the members of the South Indian Chamber of Commerce here this morning.

The Finance Member also gave an assurance that before presenting his annual budget he would carefully examine the taxation structure to see if there was any justification for the present feeling in the country that the burden of taxation at present was hampering private enterprise and initiative.

If the examination of the taxation structure showed some "cloggy wheels" and something was actually required to be done to promote initiative and enterprise, the Finance Minister said, he would do his best—at least to "oil those wheels". He also recalled the assurance given by him in his Budget speech that whatever might be the ultimate pattern of economy, there would be, for a considerable time to come, ample scope for private enterprise. That assurance, he said, had been given very authoritatively and effectively by the Prime Minister in his speech to the Associated Chamber of Commerce at Calcutta

CHAMBER'S COMPLAINT

The Memorandum presented by the Chamber to the Finance Minister pointed out the heavy tax burden on the business community after the introduction of the last budget, the need for giving incentive to production by private enterprise and uniform taxation in all provinces.

It also stressed that the Provincial Governments had greater need for nation-building activities and therefore, pleaded for a revision of the allocation of revenue between the Central and Provincial Governments.

Replying to the memorandum, Mr. Shanmugham Chetty said that he had been insisting upon Provincial Ministers the need for a reorientation of outlook on matters relating to taxation.

The whole financial prosperity and stability of the Provincial Government, he went on, must ultimately depend upon the finance and sources and solvency of the Central Government. "Especially in the matter of borrowing", he said, "no Province can afford to do anything in its own sphere which will undermine the powers of the Central Government in its capacity to borrow".

When they had before them for the next ten years a vast programme of public expenditure, the need for conserving the borrowing resources and powers of the Central Government became very pronounced. They should, therefore, make up their minds whether they were going to be "advocates of complete Provincial Autonomy" or reorientate their ideas regarding the relationship between the Centre and the Provinces.

For his part, he had always in his public life held the view "that there should be a strong and stable Central Government". In fact, even though the Partition was a misfortune for the country, the only feature of that partition was that it had enabled them to build up a strong Central Government. Therefore, he appeal-

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LATEST COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

Previous Closing	35.61
Today's Opening	35.53
Difference	—8
Today's Closing	35.64
Difference	+3

The cotton market will remain closed for half of the day on 24th inst. and entirely closed on 25th inst. due to X'mas holidays.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices :—

Anaconda Copper Mining $34-1/2.
General Motors $57-3/8.
United States Steel Common $77-3/4.
United States Steel Preference $136.—(Reuter).

LAST QUOTATIONS.
BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

	Rs. As.
Cotton Jarila Jan.	524 4
Cotton Jarila March	517 4
Silver Bullion	168 14
Gold Forward	104 14
Sovereign	67 12

Deccan Rulers' Declaration

Willing To Merge In Bombay Province If People Desire It

BOMBAY, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The Rajmandal (Council of Princes) of the Deccan States Union has passed a resolution declaring that "if the people of the Union desire to merge into Bombay Province they (the rulers) will not stand in their way."

The Rajmandal met at Sangli on December 21 following the inauguration of the Union at Miraj the previous day.

ALL ORISSA STATES ADMINISTRATION TO BE TAKEN OVER BY GOVERNMENT

CUTTACK, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): "Administration in all Orissa States is expected to be transferred to the Government of Orissa with effect from 1st January, 1948" says an Orissa Government Communique.

Explaining the principles that will Govt. the future of the Personnel of the Service in the States Communique says that such of the superior staff as may now be in employment in different States and are found to be efficient and suitable for discharging their functions, will be retained by the Orissa Government.

The existing subordinate personnel in these areas will be invited to continue to serve under the Orissa Government for the time being on the same scales of pay as they are at present enjoying pending their re-organisation. This reorganisation is likely to take some time.

STOP PRESS

TRIPARTITE COAL AGREEMENT

PARIS, Dec. 23. (U. P. A.): The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs this afternoon announced the conclusion of a tripartite coal agreement among the Western Allies which will give France increasing quantities of Ruhr coal in 1948.

BR. ATTEMPTS FAIL

LONDON, Dec. 23. (U. P. A.): British attempts to assist Greece and Bulgaria in re-establishing diplomatic relations have failed, it was learned today. The attempts were made by the British Minister to Sofia, J. G. Sterndale-Bennett.

NO REPLY TO Sri. PRAKASH'S PROTEST

BENARES, Dec. 23. (A. P. I.): India's High Commissioner in Pakistan, Mr. Sri Prakash who is here on a short visit, told pressmen that he had lodged a protest with the Government of Pakistan against the ban imposed by the Sind Government on the evacuation into India of Harijans, sweepers and washermen whose homes are mostly in India. But so far, he said he had no reply

U. S. NOT TO GIVE UP PANAMA BASES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, (Reuter): Government officials in Washington said today that the United States would stay in 14 bases in Panama, for the defence of the Canal, in spite of a unanimous decision last night by the Panamanian National Assembly not to grant her a peacetime lease for them.

REPATRIATION SHIP SAILS

MARSEILLES, Dec. 23, (U.P.A.): The Russian repatriation ship, "Pobeda", with 1,122 Armenians and other Russian repatriates, today sailed from Marseilles.

TRUMAN SIGNS EMERGENCY AID BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, (U.P.A.): President Truman signed the Bill appropriating dol. 540,000,000 in emergency aid for France, Italy, Austria and China.

IMPLEMENTING STANDSTILL AGREEMENT

Hyderabad Govt. Like Sardar's 'Realistic View'

HYDERABAD, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The Hyderabad Government have formed a committee under the chairmanship of the Premier, Mr. Liak Ali, to implement the terms of the standstill agreement with the Government of India.

The other members of the committee are Nawab Moin Nawaz Jung Bahadur, Minister for Finance and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Pingle Venkata Rama Reddy, Minister for Supplies, and Mr. Abdur Rahim, Minister for Railways and Communications.

It is learnt that the Committee will frame the State Government's policy and conduct negotiations through the State's Agent-general in New Delhi with representatives of the Government of India on acquisition of the Posts and Telegraphs, the Residency buildings, supplies of arms and ammunition and other matters.

Commenting on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's speech at Jaipur that the Interim-Government of Hyderabad should be given a chance to work. An official spokesman said here today that the Indian States Minister had taken a "realistic view" of the situation in Hyderabad.

The spokesman added that the impending conferences between the Premier of Hyderabad and the Premiers of Bombay, Madras and the Central Province and Berar should create a good understanding between the State and its neighbouring Provinces and should clear the "misunderstandings which unfortunately exist." The spokesman also hoped that as a result of those talks the sporadic border incidents would cease.

DEADLY ATTACK ON VILLAGE

From Our Correspondent

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 23.

Reports received here in responsible quarters state that atrocities have been let loose on the village Pimprala lying on the Berar border in Nizam's territory by the Nizam's police and Goondas of adjoining Tamst village. It is further stated that the entire village was set on fire and the modesty of women has been outraged and about twenty persons injured by attackers.

'Reds' Capture Haicheng

Chiang Confers With Military Leaders

NANKING, Dec. 23, (Reuter): Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek presided over a hastily summoned conference at his residence in Nanking last night of senior military leaders as dispatches telling of Communist gains on the main Chinese civil war fronts poured into the Capital.

According to the latest Chinese war reports Communists in the North-East have captured the city of Haicheng, 50 miles south of Mukden on the Mukden-Dairen Railway and were hammering at the gate of the important Peiping-Mukden Railway City of Chinchow 80 miles west of Mukden.

The Generalissimo urged greater efforts by all concerned to suppress the Communist rebellion, usually reliable Chinese quarters said.

BATTLE FOR SINLITUM

A desperate struggle for the key town of Sinlitum, on the border between Jehol and West Manchuria, was still raging today, it was reported.

Communist activity was said to have revived near Kunochuling, strategic centre 20 miles south of the Manchurian capital Changchun, on the railway from Changchun to Mukden.

In North Honan, General Chen-Yi, Whose Communist forces recently suffered badly in a drive on the railway city of Kaifeng, was reported to be massing another large force in the Yenling sector, 50 miles south of Kaifeng.

Red Drive Against Mukden Blunted

NANKING Dec 23. (UPA): Pro-government reports today claimed that the Communist drive against Mukden has been blunted with all of the attackers being cleared out within a 30-mile radius of the city

The main Communist force is said to be moving north-west where the battle for Hsinlintun is raging unabated. The garrison of the rail city, 65 miles west of Mukden is still reported to be holding out after a three-day battle. It was reported that Red spearheads were thrown back north of Mukden, at Shihfusze, after penetrating to within 15 miles of the city, and Government forces, pursuing the Communists across the frozen Liao River, recaptured Chiumen, 38 miles north of Mukden.

Meanwhile, according to Peiping reports the industrial facilities serving Mukden had come to a halt when Communist troops neared the city. The Government press reported that all factories, mines, hydro-electric plants, and one steel plant had closed down and that workers from outlying plants have fled within the city's walls after Communist shells struck the hydro-electric plant six miles south of the city.

At the same time, wide-spread unconfirmed rumours persist in Shanghai that General Wedemeyer would return to China to handle the American programme of aid to China.

Pakistan Govt.'s Indignation

Financial Agreement With India Has Nothing To Do With Kashmir

KARACHI, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The reaction in political circles in Karachi to the reports emanating from New Delhi that the implementation of the recent agreement arrived at between the Dominions of India and Pakistan on the division of assets and liabilities and the immediate payment of 55 crores of rupees to Pakistan will depend on a satisfactory solution of the Kashmir affairs has been one of surprise and indignation.

It is emphasised in political quarters here that the financial agreement recently arrived at between the two Dominions has nothing to do with the settlement of the Kashmir or any other political problem and that if the Government of India go back on their plighted word they would be guilty of a gross breach of faith before the bar of world opinion.

CUSTOMS DUTY ON JUTE TO PAKISTAN

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (API): The Government of India have declared the Dominion of Pakistan to be Foreign Territory for the purpose of levying Customs duty on the export of Raw Jute and Jute manufactures from India to Pakistan, according to a Press Communique issued today.

To implement this decision the Government of India have issued the necessary notifications under the Indian Tariff Act, The Sea Customs Act and the Land Customs Act with immediate effect.

The Government of India are also taking suitable measures to ensure that sufficient stocks of raw jute are kept available in the Indian Dominion.

The above decisions or any others that the Government of India may be called upon to take to cope with the situation caused by the levy of customs duties by the imposition of export duty on raw jute by the Pakistan Government are, however, as already stated without prejudice to reconsideration of the position if an amicable and reasonably long-term settlement is reached over the entire field of freedom of trade and commerce between the two Dominions, levy of Customs and Excise duties their pooling and allied matters.

It Will Achieve Nothing

Token Strike Will Be Great Disservice, Says Nanda

PATIL CALLS MOVE ELECTION STUNT

BOMBAY, Tuesday

"The token strike will achieve nothing more for any worker in the city than is available to him otherwise," says Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Labour in the course of a statement in reply to another issued earlier today by Mr. AshokMehta.

Condemning what he terms "the exploitation of the workers for the political aims and ambitions of certain parties", Mr. Nanda asserts that the strike" will mean a great disservice to the people of the city and to the nation".

Mr. S. K. Patil, President has also issued a statement appealing to the people to rally round the Government and not become party to a move which is bound to create a spirit of indiscipline, unrest and perhaps even violence.

Mr. Nanda in the course of his statement says:—

"Mr. Ashok Mehta's statement of this evening seeks to set up a distinction between me and the rest of the Government which I must repudiate because it does not exist. It is kind of him to recognise my personal sincerity and keen solicitude for the welfare of the workers. It may be taken as absolute fact that this attitude is fully shared by all my colleagues.

"The reference in the statement to the adjudication machinery would create an erroneous impression regarding what transpired at the Conference on Monday. It was common ground that delays had occurred in the past but that is not tantamount to condemning the existing adjudication machinery. On the other hand the increasing use of the machinery of arbitration and adjudication by all the parties and its undoubted utility were acknowledged by all present.

"Measures for curtailing the time element in the proceedings were discussed at the Conference but there was hardly a concrete suggestion of any importance regarding which agreement could be reached among those present or which the Conference could straightway adopt as satisfactory in all respects and capable of immediate enforcement. It was unanimously agreed that we should give more thought to these matters and meet again to discuss the implications of the various suggestions

CIVIL LIBERTIES

"The question of civil liberties has been raised in Mr. Mehta's statement. Such steps as the police take from time to time are determined by the exigencies of law and order and on considerations of security which in these days vary in degree of urgency according as the communal situation improves or worsens. Preventive action has at all times been taken with the complete con-

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MYSORE MAKES LEEWAY

Legislation In Line With Provinces Passed

BANGALORE, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): Mr. K. C. Reddy, Chief Minister of Mysore addressing the Mysore Representative Assembly today said that the Ministry had decided to appoint a Committee to go into the Land Revenue policy. A five-year programme of prohibition would be launched. The Government was committed to the policy of gradual decontrol of food and he hoped that before the end of 1948 all controls would have been removed. The present Ministry was determined to revita agricultural and pursue a five-year plan of Self-sufficiency.

The Chief Minister revealed that following the Industrial Conference in Delhi the Mysore Government proposed to convene a conference of Industrialists and labour-representatives in the state to establish a three-year Industrial Truce.

The Assembly today concluded its twelve-day session after passing the Shops and Establishments Bill seeking to make provision for weekly holidays regulate hours of work and to prohibit employment of children under twelve years.

Earlier in the session, the House passed two Bills relating to Civil liberties—Habeas Corpus and Writ Mandamus. The special privilege of European and American nationals to be tried by special jury has been annulled, and bills seeking to bring labour laws in the state into line with those in India have been approved.

INDIA SHALL BE ESTABLISHED AND RUN IN INTERNATIONAL SPIRIT

Nehru Scouts Communalism And Narrow Nationalism

INTOLERANCE IS WEAKNESS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (A. P. I.): Addressing the men of the Royal Indian Air Force here this evening, Pandit Nehru called upon the young men of India to keep in view India's glorious heritage and her promising future and not to lose their balance in the petty squabbles of the day. The Prime Minister who had been requested to speak on "India" said that communal bickerings and narrow-mindedness existing at present were a temporary phase and did not represent the real Indian culture and character.

When he thought or spoke of India, he said, he still thought in terms of India as it existed a few months ago. The great country extending from the Khyber to Cape Comorin, and this he hoped was the attitude of all right-thinking people. "Mere enactments and political changes" Pandit Nehru added "should not be permitted to change our conception of India which has been and still is one single cultural unit.

INTOLERANCE IS WEAKNESS

The salient feature of the Indian culture had been broad-mindedness and the power to assimilate new ideas and people. The present narrow-mindedness, he said, was a new phase in India's history and, if not checked immediately and effectively, it might become a danger to her freedom and an obstacle in the way of her progress.

A study of World History would reveal that no country had been so tolerant of new ideas as India. Christianity came to India long before it spread to Europe. The Jews came here ages ago and they were welcomed. Toleration was a sign of India's cultural maturity. In the past India's doors had been open to all outsiders because it was sure of its ground. It learnt much from foreigners but ultimately it always triumphed over them and succeeded in maintaining the distinctive character of its culture and civilization. Turning your face away from new streams of thought and refusing to benefit from them only shows weakness in your ranks" Pandit Nehru said.

Today India presented rather an unpleasant state of affairs. Its people were thinking in terms of their respective communities and not as members of One Nation. "This thing started with the fantastic theory of Two Nations, and it is a pity that now that the doctrine has come to be accepted even by those who previously opposed it. Application of that doctrine may prove disastrous to India's growth as a strong and free country". This limited outlook was contrary to all modern political thought, aend it would lead to "a shrivelling up of India". Pandit Nehru said: "I have a firm conviction that India can never belong to the Middle Ranks. It will be either a very great country or a very small one. If our approach to our problems is correct and our minds broad, I have no doubt that it will occupy a leading position among the nations of the world".

NO LIMITED OR ANTIQUE IDEAS.

India, the Prime Minister said, must not be a communal state. It shall be established and run in an International spirit and narrow nationalism shall have nothing to do with it. He was amazed to see people putting forward the idea of a communal state. Such an idea was medieval and very much allied to Fascism. The mental outlook created in the case of communalism and facism were similad to each other. These ideologies may lead a people to success in the initial stages but ultimately they brought them in a sad end.

Pandit Nehru warned them against subscribing to such limited and antique ideas. A faulty decision at the present moment may direct their energies in the wrong direction and may do irreparable damage to the country.

The world stood on the verge of tremendous changes The atom bomb represented a new age and a new energy and it may, very soon, Revolutise their entire outlook on life. In this dynamic world one should not lose oneself in small local issues.

NO LIMITED OR ANTIQUE IDEAS

The Prime Minister appealed to them to act as members of a disciplined nation and try to root out the bad psychology" prevailing among certain sections of the people.

Air Comdr. Engineer who presided over the meeting, said that the Air Force was free from communalism, and he assured the Prime Minister of its loyolty to the Government in power.

The meeting was attended by over 2,000 men of the Royal Indian Air Force Mrs. Vijayakshmi Pandit and Air Marshall Sir Thomas Elmhirst were also present.

Walk-Over For Congress

POONA, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): Mr. Vinayakrao Thorat, the Congress Nominee for the seat on the Bombay Legislative Assembly from the Satara South General (Rural) Constituency, will be declared elected without opposition in the vacancy was caused by the death of Mr. K. D. Patil.



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Amarnath Must Remember Lesson Of Batting Order

Duleepsinghji's Tips For Third Test

SYDNEY, Dec. 23, (Reuter): (From Duleepsinghji. Reuter's special correspondent with the Indian cricket team in Australia).

The first lesson that Amarnath must remember concerns the batting order. India is taking many years to learn the importance of fixed batting positions.

In the Second Test match Amir Elahi batted No. 1 and Amarnath No. 7 with the result that the Indian score was 61 for seven on a nearly easy-paced wicket. India's first two wickets have failed. Lindwall has mastered Mankad and has upset Amarnath's calculation as he expected good scores from Mankad. Gulmahomed is a courageous player, but not sound enough to go in number three.

I suggest that Amarnath should go in No. 3 saving others from facing the bowlers when fresh.

With India losing early wickets cheaply, Amarnath has found the Australian bowlers with their tails up. Amarnath in the second innings lost his wicket by trying to knock off bowlers, who had taken five wickets for 34 runs.

India played in the First Test six bowlers, including two leg-breaks, Nayudu and Sarwate. Australia scored 303 for three and Nayudu and Sarwate bowled only eight overs between them.

Amarnath seems to have little confidence in leg-breaks bowlers, yet the second test included three leg-break bowlers making seven bowlers.

Batting has shown weakness and Amarnath should drop the two leg-break bowlers for the batsmen in the Third Test. Padkar should bowl with the wind and Amarnath against the wind—I feel against the wind would suit Amarnath.

The indian batsmen must concentrate on fighting hard against the well-balanced attack and not throw away wickets with weak or wild shots.

UMPIRES FOR THIRD TEST

The Umpires for the Third Test to begin at Melbourne on January 1 are A. N. Barlow of Victoria and H. Elphinstone of New South Wales—the latter regarded as the equal of Borwick. Borwick's supersessions is not a reflection on his ability but is in accordance with the Board of Control policy to give younger umpires test experience.

RAIN MARS SHEFFIELD SHIELD MATCH

MELBOURNE, Dec. 23, (Reuter): Rain, which has been playing havoc with the Indian cricket teams fixtures and Sheffield Shield matches this season prevented any play on the final day of the match between Victoria and Queensland, which was abandoned today as a draw.

Overnight, Queensland, who had scored 144 for five in reply in Victoria's 412 still needed 119 runs to save the follow on.

MADRAS BEATS TRAVANCORE

MADRAS, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The Madras University beat the Travancore University by four matches to one in the South Zone final of the Inter-University Tennis Tournament played here last evening. Of the four singles and one doubles, Madras lost only the doubles. Madras now meets the Lucknow University in the final which is scheduled to be played here on January 13 and 14, 1948.

Inter-Varsity Cricket

LUCKNOW ALL OUT FOR 101

LUCKNOW, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The second semi-final of the North Zone Inter-versity Cricket Championship between Calcutta and Lucknow Universities began here today. Winning the toss, Lucknow University batted first and were all out for 101 just before lunch.

SCORES:—

LUCKNOW UNIVERSITY (FIRST INNINGS):	
Brijraj lbw b D. Hush	7
Prithvi Bahadur b D. Hush	4
Bhim Singh C. Chatterji b D. Hush	4
Chauhan b P. Roy	11
Indumohan c and S. Das Gupta	25
Prakash b S. Das Gupta	18
Selveraj stumped B. Mitra b D. Hush.	3
P. K. Das c S. Sirkar b D. Hush	6
Zia Safi c A. Sirkar b D. Hush	4
Chaub c S. Das Gupta b D. Hush	0
A. N. Sapru (not out)	4
Extras (byes 8 leg bye 4 no balls 3)	15
Total	101

FALL OF WICKETS

1 for 9, 2 for 18, 3 for 20, 4 for 24, 5 for 67, 6 for 82, 7 for 88, 8 for 94, 9 for 95 and 10 for 101.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

D. Hush 19.2/7/22/8
J. Dutta 7/3/7/0
J. Dutta 7/3/7/10
P. Roy 10/4/15/1
B. Chatterje 2 5/1/10/0

M.C.C. LEAVES FOR WEST INDIES TOUR

LONDON, Dec. 23, (Reuter): Given an enthusiastic send off by relatives, cricketers, officials and autograph hunters, the Southern section of the M.C.C. team to tour the West Indies this winter, left Euston station, London just after midday today. They will join the rest of the party at Liverpool prior to sailing in the "Tetela" tonight.

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Unsporting Spirit Mars Badminton International

BY J. C. MAITRA

Surprising as it may seem, India, after surrendering the National Badminton titles, both in men's singles and doubles, to the Malayans, succeeded in lowering Malaya's colours in the international contests by 4 matches to 3. But I cannot say that any credit attaches to this country for this seeming victory, because 2 of India's wins came through walk-overs.

It is rather unfortunate that A. S. Samuel who was to represent Malaya in these two engagements was unable to fulfil them owing to a strained thigh-muscle. As a consequence, the matches were awarded to India. I fail to understand why Chan Kon Leong who was prepared to fill the vacancy, was not permitted to do so.

DEFEAT MORE PRAISEWORTHY

The rulers of Indian Badminton have shown bad sporting spirit in refusing to accommodate Malaya in this respect. There was nothing in the world to prevent a replacement of the disabled player if the Indian management had acceded to their opponents' request. It would, indeed, have redounded to their credit had they done so in spite of the rules to the contrary. As a matter of fact no such rules exist preventing the substitution of a player before a match has actually commenced.

The incident has left a bad taste in the mouth. I hope that we shall not hear of its repetition in the future. It must be remembered that a sporting defeat is much more praiseworthy than a victory gained through questionable means.

DEVINDAR'S SUCCESS

The only gratifying feature of these contests was the conquests of S. A. Durai and A. S. Samuel, the winner and runner-up in our National singles, by Devindar Mohan, India's No. 1. It was apparent that the Punjab star was steadily getting into his strides towards the close of the tournament. His patience and perseverance succeeded in the end.

I have no doubt in my mind that if the Punjab players were at the top of their form, they would have bravely held India's banner aloft against all the attacks by the invaders. It is common knowledge that owing to the holocaust in northern India, they were unable to have any practice at all. Our Doubles Champions, Ashok Nath and Prakash Nath, held a watching brief perforce throughout the tournament on account of the above handicap.

However we need not be too pessimistic about our present position. When normal conditions return to the country, we shall be able to make up the lee way without much loss of time.

INDIANISATION OF TURF CLUB

Negotiations With Calcutta Stewards Fail

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): The negotiations with the Stewards of the Royal Calcutta Turf Club for indianisation of the club have been broken off by the President of the Calcutta Race-Horse Owners' Association, Mr. A. K. Basu.

In a statement Mr. Basu says that a list of Indian candidates for Club membership was prepared by the Stewards in consultation with him and was put up for election. A large number of them were blackballed and rejected.

Mr. Basu, therefore, suggested that an extraordinary general meeting should be called to suspend the ordinary rules of election and put through candidates on the list who were rejected and also to put through a further list of Indian candidates.

Mr. Basu adds that the reply of the Stewards having been that they were unable to agree with the methods suggested he had broken off negotiations.

Kirkee United Win Mysore Hockey Gold Cup Again

BANGALORE, Dec. 22. (A.P.I.): Kirkee United, Poona, beat the Government Electric Factory Bangalore by one goal to nil in the final of the All-India Mysore Maharaja Gold Cup Hockey Tournament here today. This is the second year in succession that Kirkee team has annexed this trophy.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA FAILS TO SAVE FOLLOW-ON

ADELAIDE, Dec. 23, (Reuter): Despite a patient innings of 108 in three hours 41 minutes by their Captain Phil Ridings, and stylish 72 in two and a quarter hours by Test Player Ron Hamence, South Australia failed by eight runs to save the follow-on today in their Sheffield Shield match with New South Wales.

South Australia, 150 for 3 overnight, were out for 352 in reply to New South Wales total of 509. Following on 157 runs behind, South Australia were 27 for two at the close.

RAIN FOILS TOURNAMENT

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): Owing to rain the opening of the National Lawn Tennis Championship Tournament could not take place today also.

ALL-INDIA OLYMPIC

LUCKNOW, Dec. 22, (A.P.I.): The Forthcoming All-India Olympic meet will be held at Lucknow on February 13, 14 and 16.

R.I. FOR YUGOSLAV MONK

Convicted For Working For Foreign Espionage Service

BELGRADE, December 22 (Reuter): Father Albino Gomeiro, one of the group of Monks accused of having used a secret radio station for transmitting military information to a spy centre abroad, was sentenced today to 16 years forced labour, the Yugoslav news agency reported from Pola south of Trieste.

Other accused received sentences ranging from three to six years forced labour.

When the trial began, the prosecution alleged that in March, 1947, before the British and Americans handed over Pole to the Yugoslav's under the terms of the Italian peace treaty Father Gomeiro agreed "to work actively for a foreign espionage service."

WALLACE FOR U. S. PRESIDENTSHIP

ATLANTA (Georgia), Dec. 22 (UPA). Governor M. E. Thompson today said that he had been advised by Washington sources that Henry Wallace will announce his candidacy for the presidency of the United States on a third party ticket at Chicago, December 29.

He declined to disclose the source, but said, "I think there is no doubt that it is true." Thompson attacked Wallace as an ingrate for planning to interfere in the traditional two party presidential race next year, saying that "every honour ever given Henry Wallace came from the Democratic Party."

SPANISH PARLIAMENT APPROVES BUDGET

Army To Absorb More Funds

MADRID, Dec. 22, (Reuter): More than 20 per cent of Spain's total expenditure during 1948 will be devoted to the army, according to budget figures approved by Parliament here tonight with only three adverse votes.

As in previous years the army will continue to absorb more funds than any other department.

The Spanish Finance Minister, Senor Jcrquin Benhumea, defended the budget—Spain's first balanced budget since 1939—as in harmony with the Government's present deflationist policy.

Total expenditure was estimated to be 15,196,000,000 pesetas, with revenue as 15,115,000,000 pesetas, leaving a deficit of only 81,000,000 pesetas compared with a 1,130,000,000 peseta defici of the 1947 budget.

WORLD'S CHILDRENS CONGRESS

LAKE SUCCESS (New York) December 23. (Reuter): A world's childrens congress, bringing young delegates from the 57 United Nations to America proposed by Mr. Trygve Lie, the Secretary-General, to call attention to the Emergency Childrens Fund, was rejected today by a Special Committee of the Economic and Social Council. The Children's Fund was created on December 11, last year and has aided young people in China and 12 countries in Europe, according to official reports.

Persian Art Exhibition

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Mr. Farrok Mulla speaking at the opening of the Persian Art Exhibition, at the Bombay Art Society Salon 6 Rampart Row said:-

"The work which you see before you are mostly miniatures and though in many cases it is possible that the paintings may be copies of an cient works, still the draftsmanship and loving care with which they have been executed on paper and ivory, justify they being exhibited. The pictures are done in the old traditional styles and are therefore a refreshing change from the modern pictures which we have been seeing for the last few months in the Salon. Although I feel that the Persian artist should now change his outlook and turn out work which is less effete and more in keeping with modern times still it is very plesant to know that there is a land where artists still dream as they work, where they have visions of beautiful instead of the jarring impacts and bleary eyed impressions which we are so used to seeing nowadays, especially after the last two World Wars".

CHARGE OF PROFITEERING

Kanchanlal Mangaldas Chiniwalla and Pranjivandas Monji Sanghvi, partners Sivraj Ganpat Raut and Raghoba Ganpat Raut, salesmen of the Asian Motor Car Co., Sandhurst Bridge were arrested by the Crime Branch of the Bombay C.I.D., on the charge of profiteering in motor parts.

It was stated that the shop sold a set of piston rings above the controlled price and without a cash memo for Rs. 55/-.

The accused were ordered to be released on bail by Mr. J. M. Barot, at the Mazagon Police Court, today.

Jinnah Orders For A "Viking"

BOMBAY, Dec. 22 (API.) Pakistan's Governor-General, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, has ordered for his personal use a specially fitted "Viking" Aircraft, it is learnt.

The aeroplane will have two main cabins in the forward part of the fuselage, divided by a small lobby and two smaller compartments in the rear for the clerical staff and steward's pantry.

JAIL FOR GERMAN STEEL KING

NEUREMBERG, Dec. 22 (Reuter). Friedrich Flick, former German steel King, said to have been Germany's richest man at the end of the war, was today sentenced to seven years imprisonment for war crimes by a United States Tribunal here, after a trial lasting eight months.

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec 23.

Mr. M. S Aney, it is reliably learnt, has been selected as the Governor of Bihar, vice Mr. Jairam das Daulatram, resigned.

Royal Navy Intercepts Jewish Ship

JERUSALEM, Dec. 22 (Reuter): A Jewish illegal immigrant ship, intercepted by the Royal Navy which trying to run the Palestine blockade with 850 visaless Jews aboard, was expected to reach Haifa under escort today, British Military Headquarters in Jerusalem announced.

A Jewish source in Tel Aviv stated that the ship named "You Won't Frighten Us"—was being led towards the Palestine coast by "Haganah naval unit", and the Haganah secret radio, "Police of Israel" claimed that "immigration will continue at all costs".

A Reuter cable from Nice late last night said that French customs officials had arrested 15 of the crew of an Italian ship, the "Settle Fratelli", believed to be engaged in illegal Palestine immigration.

HUNGER STRIKE

In Palestine Jewish prisoners in Kishle prison, Jerusalem, threatened to begin a hunger strike today to reinforce their demands to be removed to a "safer area".

Jews held prisoner in several Arab majority areas in Palestine were also agitating for transfer from what they called "danger areas" in view of the latest flareups of violence.

British troops manning roadblocks in the Lydda areas yesterday arrested 38 Arabs in arms raids and seized six rifles, six pistols and about 1,000 rounds of ammunition, Military Headquarters announced.

Against this, armed Arab raiders stole 60,000 rounds of ammunition and 323 rifles in a raid last week, according to a Palestine Government report.

Three Arabs and one Jew were killed and three Arabs and one Jew were wounded in clashes near Jaffa, Tel Aviv and in an inland Arab village named Ajami yesterday.

A Reuter cable from New York stated that the Syrian Delegate to the United Nations Security Council, Fares Bey Alkhoury, said last night he was puzzled by a Damascus report that the Arab Governments had decided to refer the dispute with the Jews over Palestine to the Security Council.

He pointed out that the whole Palestine question was already in the hands of the Security Council under the decision of partition the country into independent Jewish and Arab States, and added that he had received no fresh instructions from his Government.

A despatch from Damascus today said that the Syrian Prime Minister, Jamil Mardam Bey told a Press Conference of a decision to refer the Palestine dispute to the Security Council.

TURKISH DENIAL

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter): Ankara Radio tonight broadcast an "authorised denial" of reports that Turkish volunteers were going to Palestine to fight with the Arabs against the Jews, and that the Turkish President, General Ismet Inonu, had said that recruitment of volunteers would not affect Turkey's strict neutrality.

15 Killed In Train Collision

FRANKFURT, Dec. 22. (Reuter): Fifteen people were killed and many injured when two Express trains collided tonight at Sahrtirlich near Neuwied, Prussia, the German News Service in the United States zone reported.

RELAY OF SECOND TEST

A review of the second cricket Test Match in Australia will be broadcast by R. Sarbadhikari from Delhi at 9-40 p.m. on Wednesday 24th inst. This will be relayed by All-India Radio, Bombay on 294 metres only.





Some lazy genius in the now forgotten ancient days, oppressed by the difficulties of calculating, for instance, how much rice should be exchanged for an ass, thought of valuing everything in terms of ONE COMMODITY. As it is to-day among some East African Tribes, this one commodity was perhaps the GOAT

A hunting knife was declared to be worth ten goats; fifty bananas exchanged for a kid; and so on. A man's wealth was judged by the number of goats he possessed. Fancy carrying about goats to make your purchases! Savings, too, consisted of collecting goats—not a very profitable investment. They cost a lot to feed and what with thieves, wild animals and disease, a rich man could become a pauper almost overnight.

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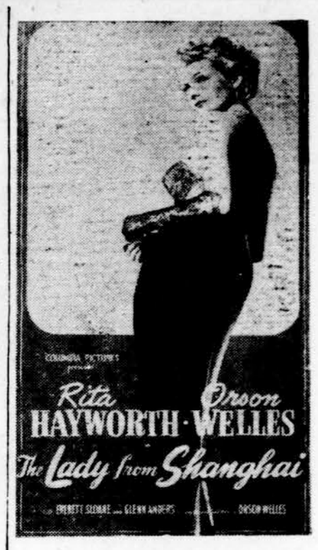
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.... MATUNGA (B. B.) ...
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MATINEE THURS. FRIDAY 1-15 p.m.
RAJKAMAL'S Laugh-Show
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7th WEEK!
Daily 4, 6-45, 9-30 p.m.
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EXCELSIOR
NOW SHOWING
3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
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CITY & SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Margasirsh Shud 11, 2004.
Muslim: Safar 10, 1367.
Parsi: Tir 22, 1317.
Sunrise: 7-09 a.m. Sunset: 6-08 p.m.
Hightide: 08-00, 22-00.
Lowtide: 02-29, 15-01.

Domestic Occurrence

MARRIAGE.

BRIDGER-CUNNINGHAM—On the 17th December, 1947 at the Cathedral of the Highlands, Nairobi, Kenya, Henry Ritchie, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bridger of Watford, Herts, England, to Phyllis, Noreen, Cecil, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. o. J. Cunningham of Jamshedpur, India.

Today's Engagements

PRINCE OF WALES MUSEUM: Will remain closed to the public on Thursday, 25th December, 1947, on account of the Christmas holiday.

SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS: Today (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m., at Mazdaznan at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road. Mother Gloria will deliver a public lecture on "The Significance of Christmas".

BOLSHEVIK LENINIST PARTY: Public Meeting at Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall, Sandhurst Road, on 24th December, at 7 p.m. Comrade Ajit Roy will speak on "For a United Front of the Left."

LALITHKALA KARNATAK NATAK SABHA, BOMBAY, will stage "Vichitra Manava" a social drama in Kanarese on Thursday, 25th inst., at 9 a.m., at Damodhar Thackersey Hall, Parel.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Meaning of Christmas" is the subject of a talk to be followed by Questions and Answers on Wednesday, at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

"PARSIS IN A FREE INDIA."
A lecture series under the above title has been arranged by the Freedom Group in co-operation with the Mazdaznan and the Zarthosti Unnati Dwara. Eminent personalities in the field of literature, politics, economics, social and educational problems will speak. Prof. P. A. Wadia, Dr. Irach Taraporewala, Dr. Behram Mehta, Sri Soli Pavri, Principal of Boys' Town, Nasik, Sri Meher Nanavutty have already consented to be on the panel of speakers. The lectures will be held in January and February, once every week, on Fridays, at the Alexandra School, Waudby Road, Fort.

BURMA EVACUEES' ASSOCIATION: At a meeting convened by the All-India Burma Evacuees' Association, Bombay, it was decided to celebrate the declaration of the Independence of Burma on 4th January, 1948, and a Burma Independence Day Celebration Committee was appointed for the purpose. Mr. R. A. Bhimjee was authorised to make the necessary arrangements.

CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION: Sale of Home Arts and Crafts. At the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall. Opening Ceremony by Sir H. M. Mehta, at 5-30 p.m., today.

ADMIRAL PALLISER: The Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, and Mrs. G. V. Kitson gave a luncheon on Tuesday, at the Taj Mahal Hotel in honour of His Excellency, Admiral Sir Arthur Palliser, Commander-in-Chief, East Indies Station, and Lady Palliser.

Ill-treatment Of Prisoners By Police Alleged

BOMBAY December 23.

An allegation that contrary to orders, that certain persons produced before him be placed in 'B' class, they had been placed in the 'C' class was made by the accused's advocate, Mr. Feroz Nanavatty at the Esplanade Court this morning, before Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate.

The second allegation was that the advocate who went to interview the prisoners, was not allowed to meet them by the police.

Mr. Nanavatty mentioned that the five persons on whose behalf he was appearing, had been immediately re-arrested under the Public Security Measures Act, after he had ordered their release on bail.

The persons concerned were taken in custody by the police, in connection with the search for illegal arms on November 19 when 22 persons were rounded up and 20 revolvers seized.

The learned magistrate asked the police to behave fairly and give the accused all the facilities permissible under the law.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Dec. 24, (Wednesday).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Geet Manthan (Poets) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Pannalal Ghosh (Flute) 8-45 Sudheer Phadke (Vocal) 9-0 Laxmibai Jadhav (Vocal) 12-0 p.m. Variety programme (H, U and H) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Variety 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lunch Hour 4-20 N. G. Gokhale (Vocal) 4-35 V. K. Atre (Vocal) 5-0 Pannalal Ghosh (Flute) 5-15 Ratnakant Ramnathkar (Vocal) 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Sudheer Phadke (Vocal) 6-30 Ramchandra (Bhajan) 6-45 Gujarati Songs 7-0 Pannalal Ghosh 7-30 Reading of his latest short story by author 7-45 Sajan Sangeet 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Poetry Reading by Manubhai Dave 8-45 Chandiche Taat by Rana Pawar (M) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 The Inferiority Complex (E) 10-0 Laxmibai Jadhav (Vocal).

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. Bhavgeeten 5-45 p.m. Topic of Day 5-55 Locals, 6-15 Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)—7-45 p.m. Commercial News 8-0 Amritlal Navsariwala (Vocal) 8-15 Sudheer Phadke (Vocal) 9-0 V. K. Atre (Vocal) 9-30 Ramchandra (Bhajan) 10-0 Jer Sabawalla: Soprano 10-10 Royal Choral Society and London Phil. Orch. (Hallelujah Chorus) 10-15 Dunstan Roberts: (Brass Handel) 10-30 Violin Harpsi-Chord and Organ Music 10-45 Choir of Salvation Army, Bombay (Carols).

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS.
FORECAST TILL THE MORNING OF 25-12-47:—Isolated light showers may occur in the Bombay Karnatak.
OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT 2 DAYS:—Dry weather mainly.

S. K. PATIL ELECTED LABOUR DELEGATE

The Secretary of Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh writes: Sri. S. K. Patil has been elected as the delegate from the Ford Motor Staff Union, Bombay, for the forthcoming Session of the Labour Conference, to be held on 24th and 25th January, 1948, under the auspices of the Indian National Trade Union Congress to be inaugurated by Rashtrapathi Babu Rajendra Prasad. Mr. S. K. Patil has also been enrolled as an honorary member of the Union.

An officer of the Allwyn Steel Equipment Company is alleged to have assaulted one of the workers in the premises of the factory. The Union has served a strike notice of three days on the management demanding the immediate dismissal of the officer.

The Management of Panchal Iron Works has conceded all the demands of their workers on being convinced of the solidarity of the Union.

PRESIDENCY ASSOCIATIONS' PROTEST

The Council of the Bombay Presidency Association has adopted a resolution protesting against the decision of the Government adopting the distributive system of voting for elections to local bodies.

COFFEE HOUSE LABOURERS UNION FORMED

Over 60 menial labourers working in the three branches of the Coffee House in Bombay met on Sunday 21-12-47 and formed a union with Barrister K. T. Chandy as president and two workers as secretary and treasurer respectively. Four other members were also elected to the committee.

The meeting requested all Coffee House workers to join the All-India Coffee House Labourers Union. The Bombay branch will be affiliated to the All-India body.

PREMIER KHER'S TEA PARTY

The Prime Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher entertained to a tea party this afternoon Mr. C. A. M. Hallenborg, Consul-General for Sweden, Mr. P. Thorstenson, Consul for Denmark, Mr. João de Lucena, Consul in-charge of the Consulate-General of Portugal, and Mr. R. C. L. Van Damme, Officiating Vice-Consul for Luxemburg.

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder Minister for Health and Public Works, Bombay, and Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Director-General of Health Services Government of India, were also present.

MR. G. D. VARTAK

Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government, Bombay, will leave on a tour of the Belgaum District on Thursday, December 25, and will return to Bombay on Tuesday, December 30.

EDUCATION EXPANSION PLAN FOR ADIWASI AREA

The Government of Bombay has appointed a Committee consisting of officials and non-officials to conduct a survey of the Dahanu, Umbergaon and Palghar talukas of Thana District and to prepare a programme of educational expansion in these areas especially for the Adiwasis and other Backward Classes. Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Backward Classes, is the Chairman of the Committee. The Committee will tour, Dahanu, Umbergaon and Palghar talukas for ten days from December 25.

RESTRICTIONS ON MATCH BOX MOVEMENT REMOVED

The Government of Bombay has issued an Order cancelling all the existing orders in the Province of Bombay regarding prices and movement of match boxes. The order has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette, Extraordinary, dated December 23.

BOMBAY ASSEMBLY BY-ELECTION

The nomination has been accepted of Messrs. Laxman Ganesh Thatte and Ramchandra Kashinath Shirodkar as candidates for the by election to the Bombay Legislative Assembly from the Bombay City (Byculla and Parel) Urban General Constituency of which the Collector of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District is the Returning Officer.

The polling will take place on Monday, January 22, 1948, at the following places between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.:—

E-WARD: (Mazgaon-Tadwadi—Part of Victoria Gardens at the corner of Parel Road and Connaught Road (for Men and Women); First and Second Nagpada-Kamathipura-Municipal Play ground at Second Peer khan Street (for Men and Women), and Byculla-Willingdon play ground Souter Street (for Men and Women.)

F-WARD: Parel—Bhiwajirao Nar Park, Parel, (for Men and Women) Matunga—Vacant plot, northern and Opposite College of Commerce Matunga (for Men and Women), and Sewri-Naigaon—Municipal play ground opposite Bhoiwada Police Station (for Men and Women).

DISTRICT OFFICIALS SUSPENDED

After having found that the allegations made against a high local official in the local press at Belgaum were substantially true, the Government of Bombay has suspended the District Supply Officer and the Mamlatdar concerned and has also ordered the Commissioner, Southern Division to frame charges against them, as well as the then Collector of Belgaum and the Godown Manager.

Bombay Municipal Corporation

In pursuance of a requisition, received under Section 36(d) of the Municipal Act, to consider the situation arising out of the Commissioner's proposals for holding the ensuing General Election on three different days instead of holding the same simultaneously on one day in all the different wards, a Special Meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office, on Monday, the 5th January 1948, at 4 p.m. (Bombay Time).

Shop Act Provisions Relaxed

The Government of Bombay have suspended on account of Christmas holidays, in respect of all shops, restaurants and eating houses the operation of the provisions of the Bombay Shops and Establishment Act from 23rd December to 26th December 1947.

Ex-I. N. A. Personnel Eligible For Govt. Service

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22 (API.) The Government of West Bengal have decided that ex-Indian National Army personnel, except those convicted of acts of brutality while in the I.N.A., will be eligible for service under all departments of the Provincial Government, provided they are found suitable in all other respects.

SELECTIONS FOR TODAY'S RACES

Quicksand May Win Aga Khan's Cup

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

The following are my selections for today's races:—

1ST RACE: 1 Golden Horn, 2 Patricia's Choice.
2ND RACE: 1 Court Dancer, 2 Pound Note.
3RD RACE: 1 Royal Blessings, 2 Golden Pom if ab. Post to Post.
4th RACE: 1 St. Etienne, 2 Tolstar.
5TH RACE: 1AZIZ, 2 Find out
6TH RACE: 1 Quicksand, 2 Byculla Pillar to Post.
7TH RACE: 1 Gentle Whisper, 2 Chocolate Baby
CHOICE TREBLE: Golden Horn, Quicksand and Gentle Whisper.
FLUKES: Gay Count and Same Again.

LABOUR MINISTER TO ADDRESS PRESS CONFERENCE

Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Labour Minister will hold a Press Conference tomorrow (Wednesday, December 24) at 3-30 p.m. in the Committee Room of the Civil Secretariat, Bombay.

PICNIC ENDS IN HOSPITAL

20 Boys Suffer From Food Poisoning

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Twenty boys belonging to a boarding school of Bombay, who had gone on a picnic to the suburbs on Sunday, were removed to the K. E. M. Hospital suffering from the effects of food-poisoning. The other twenty boys who were also in the group escaped without any serious consequences. It is learnt that the boys began to vomit after eating the food and were rushed to hospital.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BOMBAY BULLION EXCHANGE LTD., BOMBAY

The Ordinary General meeting of the Members of the Bullion Exchange Ltd., that was to be held on 24-12-47, has been postponed to 27th Jan. 1948, for further consideration.

By the order of the Board,
SAKARLAL D. PARIKH,
Secretary.



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WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Dec. 23. (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather summary for Tuesday, the 23rd December, 1947:—

Observations from Kashmir and the North-West Frontier Province are absent. The trough of low pressure off the Circars Coast is becoming unimportant after sending a low pressure wave towards north-east Bay of Bengal Yesterday's western disturbance has apparently moved away north-eastwards and a fresh one is approaching the North-West Frontier. Rainfall has been widespread in Orissa and local in south Bengal, Chota Nagpur, Berar, the east and north Punjab and the north Madras coast. A few showers have also occurred in the hills of the west United Provinces and in the east Central Provinces.

FORECAST UNTIL 24TH EVENING. Rainfall will be widespread in south Bengal and local in Orissa, Chota Nagpur and Malabar. A few showers are likely in Assam, Bihar, Kashmir, the North-West Frontier Province, in and near west Central India and in south-east Madras. Night temperatures are expected to fall in Rajputana, Central India and the North Deccan.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 23. (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 1st November, 1947 and departure from normal, recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 23rd December, 1947:—

Ahmedabad 81 56 0 2.1 plus 1.9, Allahabad 78 55 0 0 minus 0.6, Baroda 87 50 0 0 minus 0.8. Belgaum 85 63 0 2.9 plus 1.1, Bhuj 77 48 0 0 minus 0.1, BOMBAY 84 68 0 0 minus 0.6, Calcutta 75 68 0.8 1.0 plus 0.1, Colombo 86 73 0 10.8 minus 6.5, Cuttack 70 68 1.9 3.9 plus 1.9, Darjeeling 63 41 0 0.1 minus 1.0, Dehra Dun 71 47 0.1 0.1 minus 0.9, Delhi 68 52 0 0.3 minus 0.1, Hyderabad (Dn.) 85 62 0 1.1 minus 0.3, Karachi — 52 0 0.3 plus 0.1, Lucknow 78 52 8 0.1 minus 0.4, Mahabaleshwar 74 58 0.1 0.7 minus 1.1, Mysore 85 66 0 1.9 minus 1.2, Nagpur 81 61 0 0.1 minus 1.1, Ootacamund 66 47 0 1.1 minus 6.7, Pachmarhi 74 52 0.3 0.3 minus 0.8, Patna 81 62 0 0 minus 0.5, Poona 89 63 0 0.4 minus 0.8 Quetta 53 20 0 1.0 0, Rajkot 78 50 0 0 minus 0.3 Shillong 63 47 0 0.3 minus 1.4, Sholapur 87 65 0 0.4 minus 0.8, Simla 47 35 0.6 1.0 minus 0.4, Surat 82 55 0 0 minus 0.3.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Oh! that we all knew or remembered what words are! Surely they are the most terrible powers in this universe. No chemical combinations that I ever heard of are like them for effects, good or mischievous, heavenly or diabolical.

—F. D. MAURICE.

The Bombay Chronicle

OUR DEFENCE

At a press conference at New Delhi on Monday Sardar Baldev Singh revealed a situation with regard to our Defence which, on the whole, is satisfactory. The announcement that by April 1 our armed forces will be officered almost entirely by Indians, was only to be expected as a corollary to the country's independence. Indeed, complete Indianisation was expected even earlier. But as the Defence Minister points out the problems of nationalisation had inevitably to be subordinated to the problems arising from internal disturbances, the protection and movement of refugees and evacuees and the operations in Kashmir. The advance in nationalisation may be appreciated from the relevant figures. Before August 15 the United Indian Army had over 10,000 British officers. On August 15 the number fell to about 1200 for India but, after January 1, that number will be further reduced to less than 300. Even these officers will be in charge of only regimental training centres, and by April 1, all commands on the Lieut.-Colonel level will be held by Indians. It is clear that for some time to come we shall need a number of experts from abroad and the Defence Minister has given the assurance that where specialists of the requisite qualification are not available in the U. K. India will certainly try to get them from the U. S.A. It is better in many cases to send our ablest men abroad for training as experts. The main point is that the sooner our Defence organisation is made entirely self-sufficient the better.

Complete Indianisation imposes upon us the responsibility to train a large number of officers for the various arms of defence. We are told that six to seven hundred officers and ratings will be leaving immediately for training in the U.K. and will finish their training by June next. We should like to have fuller particulars about our own training centres here "The policy of the Government of India for the future" said the Defence Minister, "is to retain a certain number of British officers as advisers and instructors" There is more economy in this plan of training than in sending a large number of men abroad for training which can be imparted here. And no attempts should be spared to see that our centres of training are as efficient as any in the world.

At a meeting at Calcutta on Monday Lieut-General K. M. Cariappa rightly remarked that, as the international situation was fraught with dangers, we should raise the standard of the Indian army to a high level and he made a timely appeal to the gallant young men of the country to officer their army which had now become a national body. We trust there will be good response to the appeal. General Cariappa also made a sound suggestion that India should be self-sufficient in producing arms and ammunition, aircrafts and warships and other war-equipment. The defence of a country of the size of India including the States therein cannot be strong enough without all such indigenous equipment.

Gandhiji's Advice To Muslims

It is a sign of a welcome change in the mentality of League Muslims in India that some of them have started turning to Mahatma Gandhi for advice. The realisation that he is their friend and a trustworthy friend is a valuable asset for Muslim Indian in these critical times. And, of course, they have not turned to him in vain. He has given them the right advice. He asks them to think about their future not in fear but with cool reason and commonsense. They are citizens of India, a minority, which cannot look futilely to protection by Pakistan, but a minority which need not also be afraid of its situation in India. But the Indian State being, as it must be, secular there is no room in it for political organisations on a communal basis. Politically the League cannot and should not exist "even as the Hindu Mahasabha, or the Sikh Sabha or the Parsi Sabha cannot." Muslim Leaguers are, because of the past, in more urgent need of winding up the Muslim League. They should, as Gandhiji advises them, attend both the National Convention at Lucknow and the communal conference at Madras and give expression to their thoughts fearlessly. They ought to know now what those thoughts should be.

There is only one course open to them and it happens to be the right course, too. They should turn towards the Congress. Gandhiji advises them to refrain from joining the Congress "until they are welcomed with open arms and on terms of absolute equality." Muslims must note that India's great leader is so impartially a leader and friend of all Indians that he has not hesitated to criticise, on behalf of Muslims, the present communal passions among Hindus and Sikhs and even the temporary failings of the Indian National Congress, and in the conditions he has suggested for joining the Congress, he has stood up for the honour, selfrespect and rights of Indian Muslims as equal citizens. But they should be of the Congress as he is. Muslims have, however, to act first to make the Congress welcome them. The Lucknow convention has been called by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad for that purpose. Indian Muslims must respond to that call unreservedly and wholeheartedly.

Desirable Amendments

The suggestions made by Sir B. N. Rau, Constitutional Adviser to the Constituent Assembly of India, by way of amendments to our Draft Constitution, deserve to be seriously considered for the reason, among others, that they are based on the on-the-spot study be made of the constitutions of the U.S.A., England and Eire. Of special interest are his suggestions regarding Central and Provincial subjects for legislation. Under the Draft Constitution agriculture, co-operative societies and the production, supply and distribution of goods are all exclusively provincial subjects. But Sir B. N. Rau pertinently remarks: "Suppose, however, that in order to raise the standard of living of the Indian people as a whole, a system of co-operative farming and of price control of agricultural products on a national scale, and not merely in a single province, becomes desirable, in that event the Centre should not be precluded from legislating in respect of the above subjects as of right." Recent experience of the production and distribution of foodstuffs and various other commodities has made it abundantly clear that Central control, through legislation and otherwise, is often indispensible. Every province demands Central aid in these methods but aid on a large scale and on various occasions demands due control. Moreover, since the partition there has been a steady trend of thought in favour of a strong Centre and a close-knit State. Consequently many are now inclined to agree with Sir B. N. Rau that, while a suitable safeguard against unwarranted encroachment on the provincial sphere is desirable, the Central Legislature should have power to make legislation on a national basis even in respect of a subject which is normally provincial. It should be feasible to include subjects like those in question in the concurrent list.

Frankly Speaking

Mr. Nanda's Appeal

It is regrettable that Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda's appeal on Tuesday last to Bombay Labour leaders not to call the proposed token strike failed to evoke that immediate response which, we suggest, it fully deserved. Any strike, even though it may be no more than a token one, is especially unfortunate today because it introduces a discordant note into the unanimity with which Capital and Labour have just pledged themselves wholeheartedly to a three-year truce, for which the Government of India and its Prime Minister made an appeal. Launching on a token strike almost before the echoes of that great and welcome unanimity have died down is tantamount to a damaging denial of the principle and spirit of that truce. It should be given a chance to work instead of being exposed to jeopardy.

Labour's Duty

The proposed strike is otherwise unnecessary, too. Its main object, as declared by its organisers, was to ventilate Labour's grievance against defects in tehe adjudication machinery. With that grievance there is widespread sympathy. But Mr. Nanda himself shares that sympathy and has given assurances on behalf of Government that those and other defects will be remedied. The spirit of the Delhi truce demands acceptance of those assurances. As to the complaint against the Police ban on the meeting of the Executive Committees of the Unions concerned, we unreservedly agree that Labour should be allowed full freedom of expression. The Police Commissioner's explanation, however, shows that it is all a matter of difference over technical interpretation. Surely this difference can be amicably settled, especially in view of Mr. Nanda's assurances.

Abandon It

We have read Mr. Ashok Mehta's subsequent statement and we fully appreciate much of the sentiments expressed therein. But would it not be better to think of the future rather than dwell on the past, to afford our own popular Government and the Labour Minister the opportunity to ensure that the Executive and the Police treat Labour better? If a demonstration against alleged and actual mistakes of omission and commission was needed, the call for a strike and discussions about it should be regarded as a sufficient and effective demonstration. What is now required is a demonstration of Labour's patriotic loyalty to the letter and spirit of the Delhi Truce. The proposed token strike, that is to say, should now be cancelled.

A Lesson From Aundh

At a time when various schemes of rural improvement are being sponsored, it is interesting to come across observations made in this connection by the Chaphekar Committee which was appointed last year by the Aundh State. The State was the first in the Bombay province to grant responsible government to the people and the progress it has made during the last seven years is noteworthy because it has been achieved by village communities themselves. There are hardly one or two towns worth the name in the State and it cannot afford the luxury of a bureaucracy. The administration was, therefore, rightly broadbased on the ancient system of Punchayat and should prove an object-lesson to the rest of the country. The Chaphekar Committee subjected the work of the Punchayats to a critical and exhaustive inquiry. On the whole it is satisfied with the record of rural administration. "There is no doubt", observes the Report, "that the grant of self-Government has created an enthusiasm hitherto unknown. A dead society has been revivified. Everywhere you see a new movement and life. Everyone has begun to think that the State belongs to him". This is a heatening picture, indeed, and provides a happy augury for free India, for Aundh is but a microcosm of the country as a whole. The Local Self-Government Institute of Bombay has done well in publishing an English translation of the Chaphekar Committee Report.

Bombay's New Governor

The appointmente of Sir Maharaj Singh to succeed Sir John Colville as Governor of Bombay will be received with satisfaction throughout the province. Sir Maharaj Singh has had long and varied administrative experience ever since he entered the U. P. Civil Service in 1904. He has rendered notable service as India's Agent to South Africa and as a member of the Indian Delegation to the U.N.O. General Assembly.

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tracted attention it is because of its greater popularity among the Hindus to whom the completely national ideology of the Sangh and its emphasis on indigenous systems of physical exercise have made a fervent appeal.

The Sangh has wonderfully succeeded in creating a feeling of pride in the youth of the country, that they belong to an ancient religion and are the inheritors of a great culture. Long centuries of subjection first under Muslim, and later, under Christian Governments, have made Hindus despise themselves and made them look upon themselves as members of an inferior race. Such a state of affairs no longer exists, thanks to the activities of the Sangh, which has made every Hindu feel proud that he is a Hindu, in the same way as a Muslim is proud of being a Muslim and a Christian is proud of being a Christian.

After all is said and done the safety and security of India, and even of the minorities in the Indian Union, depend upon the Hindus who form the bulk of the population and who have to shoulder their responsibility of maintaining the freedom which has been won by their leaders. For this it is essential that the Hindu youth should be trained on proper lines, military training, by itself, which a Government can organize is of no use. Military training will merely lead to exhibitions of brute force. It is men of ideals that are wanted, but such men of ideals, by themselves as individuals, cannot achieve much unless they are members of an organisation whose entire membership is permeated by those ideals. The Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh is such an organisation, whose sole object is to organise for organisation's sake and which has no ulterior motives of either hostility or ill will against any community in India. The Indian Dominion Government ought to welcome the assistance of such an organisation which is doing so much good for our people, without being a drain on the resources of the official treasury.—Yours, etc.

K. SANJIVA KAMATH.

Kurukshetra: Largest Tented City In The World

BY DR. B. H. MEHTA

Kurukshetra is one of India's holiest places because of its association with the Mahabharata War. It is about 40 miles from Panipat, the historic battlefield. When the unfortunate partition of the Panjab took place, Kurukshetra suddenly became a home for the refugees.

KURUKSHETRA.

The Government of India planned Kurukshetra to hold a population of two lacs. There were many who believed that this colossal experiment would prove a failure, and there were others who doubted the wisdom of permitting such a vast concentration of human beings who were steeped in suffering and misfortune. And yet Kurukshetra has come into being, and rations were distributed to more than three lacs of persons when I left Kurukshetra after a fortnight's stay there, on the 2nd of December, 1947.

Kurukshetra has many deficiencies. It is a city created within a period of less than two months by 1,200 soldiers, less than half a hundred policemen and about twentyfive administrators.

10,000 TENTS AS HOMES.

It is, indeed, a miracle that, with the exception of a bare few thousands, all the three lacs have found shelter in 10,000 tents of the Indian Army. The tents are meant to hold 16 persons, but they today accommodate 30 men, women and children. There is no privacy of the family, and men, women and children are huddled together, shivering in the winter cold of Northern India.

Inspite of the Kund, Kurukshetra never had adequate water supply. Now tube wells supply water to almost all the corners of Kurukshetra. Pipes have been laid, and, there is a tap for every 400 persons Arrangements are now being made for facilities for washing clothes. In the beginning there was a danger of filth and epidemics, and one has to obtain a glimpse of the Humanyun's Tomb Camp at Delhi to experience the unbelievable consequences of man's failure to look after sanitation. Every area in Kurukshetra is provided with trenches, 50 feet long, 15 feet deep and 5 feet broad, covered on the top with wooden planks. These pits are methodically dealt with and looked after by an efficient staff equipped with D.D.T. and other accessories. Members of the P.W.D. and Health Department staff carry on a regular crusades against rats and flies. Members of the D.D.T. squads move about whole day spreading D.D.T. over the area occupied by the tents.

FOOD AND CLOTHING

The most gigantic task is the food distribution. Each individual in Kurukshetra gets a ration of 1,000 calories in the shape of wheat flour and dal. Provision is being made for half ounce of oil. Milk is provided to the patients in the hospitals and to some women and children. Vegetables are allowed to those who work as volunteers and those who can afford to pay for them. On not a single day has food distribution system broken down. There are practically no complaints about the food and refugees cook their own meals. It costs the Government of India about two lacs of rupees per day to feed the refugees at Kurukshetra and Kurukshetra has only a seven day supply of food to face any emergency.

Over and above the few clothes brought by the refugees, thousands of clothes have been distributed to the population. Distribution methods are bound to be improvised and defective as long as Registration is not carried out. In the begining the blankets were thrown on the bodies of the shivering population when they were sleeping in the night in order to be sure that the needy only got them. Yet one has to imagine what will happen if a cold spell occurs in December, January and February.

Kurukshetra now provides 250 beds in the two hospitals. It must be stated that medical relief is entirely inadequate. A responsible Officer told me anxiously that there was one corpse in every five beds each morning. There is no room for most suffering cases, and the authorities should be well advised to ask the help of Army Hospitals if it is not possible to provide 1,000 beds immediatly It should be realised that India has the highest death rate during the three winter months. Over and above a hospital and a small maternity hospital, there are eight dispensaries in the towns.

SOCIAL SERVICES

There are various social service agencies at Kurukshetra. The most important organisations working there are the Red Cross, the Ramakrishna Mission, the Boy Scouts and the Tata Institute of Social Sciences group from Bombay. The Ramkrishna Mission is rendering excellent social service by organising the distribution of milk and providing homeopathic medicines. The Red Cross is working in the hospitals and organising medical relief. The Boy Scouts are running the information service. The women from the Y.W.C.A Delhi have organised knitting activities for the women.

The Tata Institute group has organised a Home for unattached women and children. There must be about 500 inmates in the Home now. The Home has its own community kitchen, dispensary, nursery school and primary school class. They have also organised the Kurukshetra Youth Service Squads consisting of about 150 matriculate and undergraduate refugees.

Plans for the organisation of two nursery schools in each town are complete, and primary education should also begin immediately under the direction of the Education Department.

REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation work has already begun at Kurukshetra. During a single week fully loaded trains left for Bombay, Gwalior, and Hissar. The Tata Institute group has completed Registration of more than three lacs of refugees at Delhi, and have commenced Registration work at Kurukshetra. Extensive rehabilitation of the agriculturist population has also been arranged by the East Panjab Government and a large number of refugees have already been rehabilitated in the Karnal District. They mostly occupy lands vacated by Muslims.

The full brunt of work at Kurukshetra has fallen on the shoulders of a small section of the Indian Army, working under Brig. Khanolkar, an old Wilsonian from Bombay and a brilliant Indian Officer. He is aided on the Civil side by Mr. Dhawan the young son-in-law of veteran Congress Leader Mr. Mehr Chand Khanna, and Lt.-Col. Basu of the Red Cross. On the whole, volunteer organisations are few and it is surprising to find such a small number of women workers at Kurukshetra. It would be more effective if women organisations throughout the country should send usefut volunteer groups, instead of merely organising committees in important cities. Mrs. Rameshwari Nehru holds the position almost equal to that of Minister of Relief and Rehabilitation. She has set up her administrative office in the Secretariat. It is essential that the executive branches of this department should function immediately at Kurukshetra, Jullunder and Ambala, where Miss Mridulaben Sarabhai is at present doing excellent work as personal representative of the Prime Minister.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Housing Ordinance

Sir,—At long last it is a happy augury that Government have realised the need for the above Ordinance so as to secure as much accommodation as possible for the hapless, homeless and also to eradicate the "pugree" evil. Constructive suggestions having been rightly invited from the public I, as a humble citizen, venture to advance mine.

I take it that Co-operative Housing Societies do not come within the purview of this Ordinance. Nevertheless, it would seem necessary to bring even Co-operative Housing Societies under the law in cases where their tenant members have, for personal designs which are questionable, left their tenements vacant for months on end, they themselves living elsewhere and holding out the premises either for sub-letting at a premium, or for the transfer of their shares at a prohibitive premium I personally am aware of such instances

Will Government please look into this state of things and make it incumbent on all Co-operative Housing Societies to compel such tenant members to surrender their shares to the Society and bring the fact to the notice of Government so that the Society concerned may with the ratification of Government allot such shares to other eligible party or parties if the Society exists on a community basis If, however the tenant member chooses to return to his Society—tenement, there will be a vacancy created in his hired flat, the landlord of which will be bound to notify same to Government.

Another glaring evil prevailing today is that tenants of commodious premises have sub-divided and sub-let parts of their premises so as to secure for themselves a rental very much in excess of that actually payable by them to the landlord. This amounts to profiteering and enjoying a luxurious chunk of the premises free of rent. It is time that these subtenants were relieved of the exorbitant rent possibly on top of a "pugree" to the tenant while entering into a sub-tenancy arrangement. It would be easy for Government to locate such instances of sub-letting by calling upon the landlords themselves to bring such instances to the notice of the Housing Commissioner as they will be the first to do so, being the aggrieved parties

I trust better heads than mine will offer every co-operation to Government in their effort to secure the much-needed housing accommodation.—Yours, etc

"VIGILANT"

Subsidy Dispensaries In Baroda State

Sir,—In the whole of Baroda State there are only six 'subsidy' dispensaries. These dispensaries have been conducted by the qualified Ayurvedic Physicians In these days of hardship the State gives only Rs. 30 p.m. as an honorarium and Rs. 18 p.m. as T. A. to these physicians. No dearness allowance is given. The duties to be performed by them are very hard. They have to move about in the villages for 12 days in a month. They have also to pay rents for dispensary and residential premises. The grant towards medicine is Rs. 180 yearly, which is entirely inadequate.

The Bombay Government has revised their scale since April last. Ayurvedic physicians are given Rs. 50 p.m., as honorarium plus Travelling allowance and so on.

Why should not the Baroda Government better the lot of their Ayurvedic Physicians by giving them reasonable increments in the honorarium, T. A. medicine grant and so on?—Yours, etc.

A SUBSIDY PHYSICIAN.

Plight Of Railway Passengers

Sir,—It is a pitiable sight to see the passengers, travelling by rail in Local G. I. P. trains, enter and alight specially the ladies and children. The number of passengers who get into the compartment is more than the allotted seats according to the rules. The whole compartment is packed up and most of the passengers even stand on the footboard of train, which is dangerous and risky and the passengers while alighting and entering the train find it very difficult to do so. Hence there are many accidents.

The I and II class compartments are also invaded by passengers who do not hold tickets or passes for those classes.

Ladies and children find it very difficult to travel. There is only one compartment for III class lady passengers—That compartment is also overcrowded (with ladies carrying baskets full of vegetable and fruits and fish baskets, etc.) and is even invaded by "male passengers" and they also stand in front of the ladies' compartment entrance.

It is up to the Railway authorities to see that the passengers who pay more fare and hold tickets or passes for I and II class and also ladies and children who hold III class tickets should not be so inconvenienced and harassed.

As the population of Bombay has increased to a great extent it is up to the Railway authorities to see that more trains are run and that additional III class compartment for ladies is attached to the trains.

As it will be observed daily from early in the morning till evening vendors of fruits and vegetables with full of heavy bazar baskets, Milkmen with their utensils and also Coolies with basket full of tiffin carriers, travel in local trains which inconvenience the travelling public, who have to reach their offices, factories, mills and schools, etc. in time—Owing to this rush the public are inconvenienced and have to risk their life and stand on the footboard and hence reach their destination late.

There should be a quite separate compartment for this type of passengers (i.e milkmen men with baskets of vegetables and fish and tiffin carriers) and strict supervision should be maintained by the—Railway and police staff over local train.

The Railway derives good amount of income and will do so in future from the travelling public hence it is their bounden duty to look to the comfort of passengers specially school going children and ladies who are huddled like cattle in the only III class compartment attached to them and which is overcrowded by "women" carrying baskets full of "fruits, vegetable" and baskets of fish. This III class ladies compartment is also invaded by grown up boys and male passengers.—Yours, etc

"A PASSENGER".

Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh

Sir,—From the questions that are asked and the answers given on the floor of the Madras Legislative Assembly, it appears to me that there is some misconception about the aims and objects of the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh. I came into contact with the Sangh a few years ago at Nagpur where its head quarters is located and I had the privilege of holding some discussions with the founder of the movement, Dr. Hedgewar, who was then alive, and I have had subsequently several opportunities to come into contact with the activities of the Sangh in this province and from what little I know I can safely state that the description of the Sangh as a private army, is not at all correct and is on a par with the old proverb which says, "Give a dog a bad name and hang it."

Dr. Hedgewar, the founder of the movement, was no military man. He was an allopathic doctor having a medical degree though he did not seriously practise medicine at any time, having joined the Satyagraha Movement started by Mahatma Gandhi. His successor in the headship of the Sangh is a man of letters, who was for some time a teacher in the Hindu University. There is, therefore, no military back ground to the Sangh, nor is there any military trained personnel in the Sangh. Such an "army" is more in the nature of the Salvation army then a military organisation. Even military designations such as "General" and "Colonel" which are freely used in the salvation army are not used in the Sangh. To avoid confusion in the public mind, the Sangh does not use even military drill terms in English or Hindustani but uses only Sanskrit words.

The Sangh has no doubt a large majority of Hindus as its members but it is not exclusively confined to Hindus proper It admits all classes of Indians to its membership who, according to Lokamanya Tilak's definition of "a Hindu" consider India as their holy land which includes Jains, Buddhists, Sikhs and other similar religious communities Thus the Sangh emphasises and its membership is confined to those who owe 100 per cent loyalty to India and India's culture and traditions. This emphasis of a 100 per cent loyalty to India naturally excludes these religious communities who have either migrated into India or have seceded from the Hindu folds as a result of conversions, and who are, therefore, bound by extra-territorial loyalties, through their respective religious faiths.

The Sangh has made a close study of the various disruptive forces that have affected the solidarity of the Hindus through the ages, from the days of Alexander's invasion to the days of British supremacy over India, and is trying to remove these forces. The wonderful achievement of Islam in promoting a classless and casteless Society has made its appeal to the organisers of the Sangh and a similar attempt is being made by the Sangh in respect of the Hindus who have been weak against internal turmoil and external aggression by reason of their innumerable divisions into sects, castes and sub-castes. Hindus are by no means a single community. There is no religion called Hinduism founded by any single individual in the some way as Islam and Christianity have been founded. Hindus are a conglomeration of a large number of communities bound together by their one common 100 per cent loyalty to their motherland and looking for their spiritual satisfaction to influences, which have had their origin within the country and not outside its boundaries. These varied communities form groups of the basic nation. India, namely, the Hindu nation, the Sangh aims at the effective solidarity of this nation.

It is, indeed, very unfortunate that political considerations have coloured the attitude of those who have described the Sangh as a private communal army and that its existence is a menace to the maintenance of good will between Hindus and non-Hindus. What is pro-Hindu cannot be described as anti-non-Hindu. Otherwise even such innocuous things like Gita classes can be looked upon as anti-Muslim or anti-Christian. The Sangh is not in the least actuated by any antiphobia. It confines its work entirely to matters relating to Hindu Dharma and Hindu way of life and in doing so, has taken advantage of such modern forms of physical exercise and drill as are conducive to promotion of discipline among its members and to the development of a sound mind in a sound body among them. The Sangh consistent with its ideology has no written constitution, as it believes in the sources of Hindu religion which are based on the 'Vedas' (what is spoken) 'srutis' (what is heard), and 'smritis' (what is remembered). By thus going back to the very origin of Hindu society the Sangh tries to erradicate the evils that have crept into it by reason of the later Puranas and other forms of sectarian doctrine.

The Sangh does not do, in its course of training, more than what a scout group or an ordinary physical culture institute does. If the Sangh has at-

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TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

We are suffering today not from loss of faith but from loss of scepticism and from the loss of the philosophic spirit of enquiry. We swear by catchwords and shout slogans. They make for hardness of heart and mechanical lives. If we work for a human life, we will grow into completeness, into that invisible world which is the kingdom of heaven. Then the kingdom which is within us will manifest in the outer world.

—Dr. SIR S. RADHAKRISHNAN.

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It is widely reported that the talks between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan on the grave Kashmir issue have broken down.

If so, we can only feel sorry for the other half of all those concerned.

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Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Governor-General of Pakistan, was sworn in as the Chief Scout of Pakistan at a simple but dignified ceremony at the Governor-General's House here this morning.

—Karachi Report.

Naturally, naturally.

By the way, what was the oath the Chief Scout took?

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The Communist Party of India, alleged by critics, to be in the process of Cominforming itself, has denounced the policy of the Nehru Government because, among other things, under it India is "falling behind the Anglo-American camp whose aim is to strengthen world imperialism . . . . ."

We beg to protest. India didn't fall behind on the question of the partition of Palestine.

Eh, what? Oh! sorry, very sorry. We withdraw our protest.

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But, otherwise, the C.P.I. declaration has delighted us because it has rediscovered for us and restored the expressions "bourgeois" and "bourgeoisie" which we have so long and so keenly missed.

In fact, it has gratified a ten year old nostalgic craving.

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Reuters reports from Moscow that the first photographs taken of Generalissimo Stalin since his return from holiday on the Black Sea Riviera showed that he has put on weight.

Nonsense, absurd. Any zealous Peeping Tom interested in the other side of the Iron Curtain will have no difficulty in explaining the real position, which is that the Soviet Dictator is suffering alarmingly from fatty degeneration.

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Talking of Stalin, said the "Pravda" in an Election article: "For Stalin, for communism—that is our goal . . . . . remarkable success of the post-war Stalin Five-Year Plan . . . . the solidarity of millions of working people around our great leader Stalin . . . . the greatness and glory of our motherland is linked with the name of Comrade Stalin . . . . we live in an age when all roads lead to Communism and the first to pave the way to this happy future . . . . is our Soviet people led by the genius of Stalin."

Poor Marx and poor Lenin!

"CEASE-FIRE" TALKS BREAK-DOWN?

Indonesia Accuses Dutch Govt. Of Bypassing U.N. Committee

BATAVIA, Dec. 23. (Reuter): The Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, Dr. Amir Sjarifoeddin, told Reuter today that he was "not satisfied" with the progress in the Dutch-Indonesian settlement negotiations and that he would fly to the Republican capital, Jogjakarta, in an Australian plane tomorrow and not return until "real talks" were ready to begin.

Dr. Sjarifoeddin left the United States navy transport Renville in Batavia harbour today, where so far unsuccessful "cease-fire" and political talks—the political discussions being largely informal—have been conducted by the United Nations' Security Council's "Good Offices'" Committee.

Dr. Sjarifoeddin added: "When I come back depends only on the Dutch. I am returning only if there is business to do. The political meetings with the Dutch have been postponed so many times I must now stay in Jogjakarta where I have urgent business."

Dr. Sjarifoeddin said: "We must start real talks as soon as possible. By real talks I mean substantive talks by people briefed to do so."

CHARGE AGAINST DUTCH

He said the credentials of those in the Dutch Delegation should be clarified. The Dutch had promised to have their representatives' credentials confirmed by the Netherlands' Prime Minister, Dr. Louis Beel but although Dr. Beel had already been in Indonesia some days this had not yet been done so far as he was aware.

The Republic considered the Dutch were bypassing the "Good Offices" Committee by establishing a West Java State, Dr. Sjarifoeddin said.

BYPASSING U. N. COMMITTEE

They considered the Dutch were also bypassing the Committee, he added, by supporting the United Indonesia Committee—a body of Indonesians led by Major-General Raden Abdul Kadir Wirdjoatmodjo, Deputy Lieutenant Governor-General of the Dutch East-Indies, pressing for a Federal Interim Government for Indonesia in co-operation with the Dutch.

Dr. Sjarifoeddin said the Republic expected conditions for the cessation of hostilities to include the economic and political status quo.

The Dutch said they had accepted the Committee's cease-fire plan, Dr. Sjarifoeddin went on, but in fact they had answered it only with further proposals. The Republic thought the Committee's plan was better than the Dutch proposals.

Dr. Sjarifoeddin flew from Jogjakarta to Batavia on December 6 for his first visit to the Netherlands East Indies capital since the Dutch authorities began their "police action" on July 21.

The long-delayed discussions for a settlement of the Indonesian conflict opened on the deck of the United States transport Renville, anchored off Batavia harbour, under the "Good Offices" Committee of the Securtiy Council two days later.

U. N. PLAN TO STOP CONFLICT

BATAVIA, Dec. 23. (Reuter): The Security Council's "Good Offices" Committee mediating between the Dutch and Indonesian Republicans in the Indonesian dispute today disclosed its plan for achieving a speedy and effective truce in the country by creating demilitarized zones.

The plan was submitted to both sides on December 3 and their replies were also released today.

The Dutch accepted the plan as a working basis subject to some qualifications.

The Republicans suggested immediate implementation of provisions in the plan for each side to order its troops to stand fast and cease fire and of "cease fire" points already agreed upon.

The Committee's demilitarisation plan—known as the Kirby Plan after Mr. Justice R. C. Kirby, Australian member of the Three-Nation Committee recently recalled to Australia for talks with Premier Joseph Chiefly—asked both sides to define the demilitarised zones which they felt should divide the Dutch—occupied and Republican—occupied territory.

Both sides were asked to consider the welfare of the populations and also the military positions on August 4, the date of the "cease fire" ordered by the Security Council.

If the two sides did not agree, they would be asked to accept zonal limits proposed by the Committee.

On agreeing to the Plan, each side was to order its troops to stand fast and cease-fire in the present positions.

Each side was also asked to agree to the resumption of normal trade and to evacuate any forces on the wrong side of the demilitarised zones.

This withdrawal would be carried out under the supervision of the Committee's military assistants.

The Committee's deliberations on the Dutch and Republican replies to their plan have not so far been disclosed.

DR. SULTAN SJAHRIR IN SINGAPORE.

SINGPORE, Dec. 23, (Reuter): Dr. Sultan Sjahrir, Indonesian Republican Plenipotentiary and former Premier returned to Singapore by air today after a fortnight's goodwill visit to Australia.

It is believed he may shortly go to Batavia, Capital of Java, to take part in talks between Dutch and Republicans for settlement of the Indonesian dispute.

POLITICAL RECONSTRUCTION OF INDONESIA.

BATAVIIA, Dec. 23. (Reuter): Important conferences between members of the Netherlands cabinet and Netherlands East Indies authorities on the political reconstruction of Indonesia were expected to follow the arrival here today of Dr. J. Jonkman, Dutch Minister for Overseas territories.

Dr. Jonkman, who is expected to stay for a few weeks, said he had come to adjust the Netherland's policy on Indonesia, bringing it into line with developments here, and he hoped to meet the Security Council's "Good Offices" Committee.

He was unable to say when a Federal Interim Government for United States of Indonesia would be formed.

Dr. Jonkman is the fourth Dutch Cabinet Minister to arrive in Indonesia. The others are: Dr. Louis Beel, Prime Minister, M. Willem Drees, Minister for Social Affairs, and M. L. Neher, Minister for Reconstruction.

Policeman Injured At Kurla

BOMBAY, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): A Press Note issued by the Director of Publicity, Bombay, tonight says:

A policeman was injured in a stone-throwing incident at Kurla on Tuesday evening. He fired two rounds to restore order. But no one was injured in the firing.

TODAY'S INCIDENTS

"A knife attack has been reported from Kurla area this morning", says an official Press Note today.

The Note adds: "Five other stabbing incidents occurred last night in Kurla, Ghatkopar, Agripada and Lower Parel areas".

"In all 12 persons have been arrested in connection with the incidents in Kurla and Agripada areas"

CURFEW IMPOSED

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has ordered a curfew from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. for seven days from today in the following places and areas in Kurla.

(1) The areas to the west of G.I.P. Railway Lines bounded by New Agra Road (exclusive) from its junction on the South with Old Agra Road upto its junction on the north with Old Agra Road (inclusive) along C. S. Railway track, Pipe Road (inclusive) and Station Road (inclusive).

(2) Residential areas known as Khajuri Bhatti and Chuna Bhatti on the south of Chembur Road and area bounded by Andheri-Kurla Road and Bel Bazar Road and New Agra Road.

STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENDED

The state of emergency proclaimed by the Government in Greater Bombay has been extended for a further period of one month from December 28.

COLLECTIVE FINES

Collective fines of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 500 have been levied on the residents of three buildings on Lady Jamshedji Road and of two buildings on Dadar Road, in Dadar, respectively.

TWO STABBED IN DELHI

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): Two persons, stated to be railway passengers, were stabbed near the Shahdara Railway Station last night one proving fatal. Two other passengers were found dead near the railway track.

HIRODIH RAILWAY MISHAP INQUIRY

NEW DELHI, Dec 23, (A. P. I.): An inquiry into the railway accident which occurred at Hirodih station on the Grand Chord Line, E. I. Rly., December 21, will be held by Mr. S. D. Bamjee, Government Inspector of Railways at Kodarma station, on December 30, says a Press note.

Workers Attack Howrah Mills

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): Half-a-dozen European officers of two jute mills in Howrah received slight injuries in hooliganism by mill workers today. The residential quarters of some mill assistants were also attacked and set on fire. The police made two dozen arrests and dispersed the crowds. The fires were put out by the fire brigade. A strong police force has been posted in the area.

The mills concerned were the Howrah Jute Mills and the Fort William Jute Mills, both located in Howrah. The Bengal Jute mill was also attacked, but it suffered little damage.

Fiji Bans Subhas Publications

BOMBAY, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): The Fiji Government have banned the importation of five Indian publications on the activities and speeches of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, according to information received here.

A notification in the "Fiji Royal Gazette", stated that the order was made by the Governor-in-Council on November 27, 1947, and listed the publications as: "Jai Hind"; "Netaji-ki-Vani"; "Lal Kile-ka-Mukadma"; August Sun 1942-ka-Mahan Viplav"; and a life history of Mr. Bose together with his speeches at Haripura and Tripura Congress sessions.

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FOR PROFITEERING in Gur and for failure to issue Cash Memo. DHANJI LAXMAN was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 1,050 or, three months' and one week's rigorous imprisonment, in default.

FOLLOW MAHATMA'S ADVICE

Hooseinbhoy Laljee's Call To Indian Muslims

Mr. Huseinbhay A. Laljee, President, Alil-Parties' Shit Conference, Bombay, writes:-

"I feel certain that not only all true Indian Muslims but also all Indian nationalists will appreciate and feel grateful to Mahatma Gandhi for the true exposition of the present existing position prevalent amongst different classes and for the correct and right advice Mahatma Gandhi has given to the Muslims in connection with the Muslim conferences that are going to be held in Lucknow and Madras. I also feel certain that it is not only the duty of the Muslims to declare at these conferences that they will be ready and willing to join the Congress as soon as they are invited with open arms and on terms of equality but that the Muslims in every town and city should try and hold meetings and sincerely propound these principles.

"Of course, there is recently prevalent a desire amongst a fair number of Muslims that they should join Socialist bodies, but in this case also I feel it my duty to point out that as unity is strength and as the Congress' arms and objects are nationalist and so long as such an eminent person as Mahatma Gandhi is the guiding light of the Congress, it will be better if they resolve to join the Congress, the objective being that we, the Muslims in India, should, with firm determination, do all we can for the good of our mother country, India, as is the great saying "Habul Vatan Minal Iman" i.ei profound love for our mother country is the part of our religion".

"RIZWANI" FOR BOMBAY

NEW DILHI, Dec. 23 (API): The pilgrim ship RIZWANI which sailed from Jedda on December 11, arrived at Karachi on December 22, with 1,443 pilgrims, says a Press Note. The ship proceeded to Bombay with 254 pilgrims the same day.

TOKEN STRIKE WILL BE GREAT DISSERVICE, SAYS NANDA

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currence of all members of the Government.

There is mention in the statement of delays in the redress of grievances of Government employees. Action has already been taken by Government in respect of several matters brought to its notice and some of the questions particularly those in the nature of innovations might take a relatively longer time to settle.

WILL ACHIEVE NOTHING

A strike of all kinds of workers in the city is not necessary to expedite action on behalf of Government employees. The token strike will achieve nothing more for any worker in the city than is available to him otherwise. Mr. Menta's expression of anxiety to strengthen my hands by a strike of this kind is very unfortunate and regrettable.

"To get the workers out for a day may not be a difficult matter but it will not advance their interests in any sense. It will mean a great disservice to the people of the city and to the nation. It is likely to prejudice the success of the industrial truce before it has started operating.

"The offer of the Socialist party to make up the loss of production in a week or two betrays a lack of understanding of the industrial processes. Much of the loss will be irreparable. And perhaps the worst consequence of the strike would be the general impairing of discipline, and efficiency which dislocation of work by even a day's strike of this kind must bring about and the effect of which is not likely to run out for a considerable period. It is not the Congress approach to the workers which has been impeding production. The exploitation of the workers for the political aims and ambitions of certain parties is the malady from which the country is suffering today.

..PATIL CONDEMNS SOCIALIST.. TACTICS

Mr. S.K. Patil President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, in an appeal to city workers says:-

In open defiance of the friendly advice tendered by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru our Prime Minister, and in contravention of the Industrial truce unanimously agreed to by all parties concerned, the Socialist Party of this city, backed by the Communists and other Anti-Congress elements is insisting on calling a general strike on December 29. All friendly and conciliatory approaches made by Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda Labour Minister of Bombay than whom there is no more sincere friend of the workers, have been thrown to the winds. The attitude of the Socialist Party thus constitutes a grave menace to the peaec of the community and a direct challenge to the authority of a Government established by popular will.

POLITICAL MOVE

ne The B.P.C.C. at its meeting neld on December 20 last, earnestly appealed to the citizens of Bombay to keep away from this strike. It has promised the Socialist Party all nelp in improving the Arbitration Machinery in the interests of the workers. Even this request seems to have fallen on deaf ears. It is difficult to see what good the workers will derive from the strike which the Socialist Party is forcing upon the city. The naked truth is that this is political move, pure and simple the only obvious object of which seems to be to gain some advantage for the Party in the elections to come. The time has come when such repeated challenges to the peace and order of Society and to authority of the People's Government must be met with unflinching determination. I have not the smallest doubt that the loyal citizens of Bombay will rally round their popular Government and vindicate its authority.

G.K.U. Supports Token Strike

BOMBAY, Tuesday. The Managing Committee of the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union met tonight and gave sanction to its affiliated Unions to take part in the proposed token strike on December 29, called by the Socialist Party of Bombay.

The Committee expressed its emphatic protest against the undue delay in the Government of Bombay, the curtailment of civil liberties by the Government and also against the deconthol policy of the Sentral and Provincial Governments in the face of the existing grave shortage of foodgrains. The meeting also demanded the payment of bonus in the city textiles mills, which has not been paid so far-though it was due in November.

Protest Strike In Firestone

The General Secretary writes:- All 1200 employees including the supervisitors, Inspectors and clerks of Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. of India Ltd. sewree. have gone one day token strike to lodge their protest against the Non-payment of bonus. It is learnt that last [illegible] 4d days strike. it was agreed between the Company and the Union that the Company would pay the annual bonus before X-mas since last five years, the employees of this company have received every year two months' bonus but the management wants to go back upon this practice on the ground that Independence bonus was given. The Union has protested against this Conciliation even in the labour office failed, although the Asst. Labour Commissioner also contended that the Independence Bonus should not be mixed up with the annual bonus.

Dockyard Labour Union

The Dockyard Labour Union (Affiliated to the B.P.T.U.C.) representing 7,000 workers of Mazagon Dock Ltd. has decided to participate in the token strike of December 29th. The decision has taken by the Managing Committee of the Union, in view of discontent, which had accumulated among the workers in connection with the adjudication machinery, the attitude of the Ministry and the policy of decontrol.

Ban On Bank Employees' Meeting

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The meeting called by the Federation of the Bank Employees, Bombay, at the Elphinstone Gardens this evening to consider the call of the sponsors of the Protest Strike on December 29 next was banned at the last moment by an order of the Commissioner of Police. The employees of various banks and commercial institutions who had gathered in the Garden with a view to attending the meeting had to go away disappointed after protesting against the attitude of the Government in banning the meeting.

PORT TRUST UNION MEETING PREVENTED

Permission was also not granted for a meeting of the Bombay Port Trust Employees Union who, according to their General Secretary, had gathered to discuss certain questions to be raised before Dr. John Mathai during his forthcoming visit to Bombay.

SIND P.C.C. TO BREAK WITH A.I.C.C.

KARACHI, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): A meeting of the Council of the Sind Provincial Congress Committee has been convened for January 11 to consider a proposal seeking disaffiliation from the All-India Congress Committee.

The question has been raised by the Congress Assembly Party here which has already decided to break from the All-India Congress.

The communal situation at Hyderabad Sind is reported to have considerably improved and there was no incident yesterday. The authorities continue to segregate Hindus from the Muslim quarters and also search the refugees for looted property.

Karachi Customs confiscated about one hundred and sixty tolas of contraband gold from an Arab passenger who arrived here by air on board a Dutch plane from Basrah yesterday.

ADVISERS FOR STERLING TALKS

Pakistan's Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, has invited Mr. Abdul Matin Chaudhary, former Finance Minister of Assam and now member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly, Mr. Hatim Alavi Former Mayor of Karachi, and Mr. Ardeshir R. Cowasji, a prominent Parsi financier, to advise him in the forthcoming talks with the British Government representatives on Sterling Balances.

The Government of Pakistan have notified their adherence to the convention of International Civil Aviation and to the International Air Services Transport agreements.

Pakistan has also become a member State of the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

AIR AGREEMENTS

Subjects to amendments necessitated by the changed circumstances the Government of Pakistan have accepted the terms of bilateral air transport agreements entered into by the former Government of India with the U.S.A. on November 14 1946 with the French Government on July 16, 1947 and with the Netherlands Government.

De Valera's Tribute To Mahatma

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (UPI): "At one time, I used to think that Mahatma Gandhi's creed of non-violence was a mistake. But now I contrast the way in which your country has achieved freedom from that of other countries. I think you had a divine guidance".

With these words, the Irish Prime Minister, De Valera, paid tributes to Gandhiji when Sir B.N. Rao, India's Constitutional Adviser, during his tour in Ireland met him.

Prime Minister De Valera, Sir B.N. Rao said, struck him as a "big man". He did not use a single word of ill-will during the two hours of talks he had with De Valera.

NO EXTRA ALLOTMENT OF WHEAT FOR INDIA

CANBERRA, Dec. 23, (Reuter): It now seems unlikely that an extra 10,000,000 bushels of wheat will be available for India and Britain under the wheat agreement announced last week, an authoritative source disclosed tonight.

The wheat contracts with Britain and India provided for extra deliveries only if the total crop exceeded 210,000,000 bushels of fair average quality.

Marseilles' "Hell's Hundred Yards"

By Robert Musel, U.P.A. Staff Correspondent.

MARSEILLES, (U.P.A.): A gendarme slithered out of the shadows, his blue cape swinging and murmured: "Monsieur has a passport?"

Monsieur handed over his passport and looked down on one of the most incredible sights possible for a man who likes to observe his fellow men.

I was standing at the top of the narrow curving Rue Des Chapeliers—toughest street in the world to folks who claim to know about these things.

Rue des Chapeliers is short—"Hell's Hundred Yards" some call it. From curb to curb it is filled from dawn to dusk and beyond with a million throng of the cut-throats and outcasts of many nations.

All colours and all sizes and all costumes—Arabs, Greeks, Italians, Spaniards, Corsicans, Africans— they discuss projects, compare notes, arrange nefarious deals and for practice, try to swindle each other.

Before the war they used to live in a rabbit warren-like district along the Old Port of this fierce city. But during the occupation so many German soldiers were garroted or had their throats cut that the Wehrmacht ordered entire half-mile of houses blown up.

Not a matter of patriotism mind you, the denizens of the Vieux Port are loyal only to themselves. But the Germans complained so often about the prices in the brothels or the fixed wheels and dice in the gambling hells or the watered-down opium in the dives.

"Monsieur is indiscreet" said the gendarme recovering gallantly from the shock of my passport photo. To go into Rue Des Chapeliers is not advisable."

Monsieur having been similarly warned by the American Consul, shrugged wrapped his raincoat a little more tightly, clamped his right elbow against the wallet in his inside jacket pocket and started down the hill.

Almost as though there had been the signal?—"a sucker has arrived"... heads began to turn towards me. A burnoosed Arab made the first pitch shrewdly assessing that I was guarding a wallet. He pulled at my arm ostensiby to draw my attention, actually to give an accomplice a chance at my pocket.

"Zometing to zell?" he hissed.

I shook him off and was surrounded by a knot of Italians. This was in front of a hotel front painted a garish blue and it occurred to me suddenly how very like it was to a scene from Hollywood's idea of the Kasbah in Morocco.

The Italians wanted to sell me something—looked like picture postcards. I shook my head and bounced them off into another opportunist, a bulky Jamaican who said in reasonably good English that he knew a certain film house showing certain films.

The three gendarmes at the top of the street had been watching my tortuous progress anxiously. Two of the three stationed at the bottom of the street now moved vaguely in my direction.

When I finally shook myself clear at the bottom a gendarme sauntered alongside. I told him I'd seen tougher places—just to start conversation.

Local pride stirred within him.

"Never," he said. Then he related the following example of the way the mind of a habitue of the Rue Des Chapeliers works.

In 1943 King Alexander of Yugoslavia was assassinated in the street two blocks away. In discussing it that night one member of a gang of Corsicans said enviously:

"Imagine killing a king—that would be worth a fortune."

The devil with the money," snapped the gang leader. "think of the prestige!"

Stop Harijan Exodus From Sind

Premier Khuhro's Advice To Congress Leaders

KARACHI, Dec. 22, (A.P.I.): The Sind Premier Mr. M. A. Khuhro is reported to have asked Congress leaders at a meeting of the "Peace Board" at his residence this evening to stop the exodus from the Province of Hindus especially Harijans.

It is understood that a heated discussion took place between the Premier and the Leader of the Congress Assembly party, Prof. Ghanshyamdas Shivdasani.

The Premier informed the Peace Board that he was considering the curtailment of the present steamer service between Karachi and Bombay to the pre-war level when only one or two services ran a week.

LIQUAT ALI RETURNS

The Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Liquat Ali Khan arrived in Karachi from Delhi by air today.

NO BAN ON EXPORT OF SPICES AND CONDIMENTS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (API): There is misapprehension in certain quarters that restrictions still exist on the exports of spices and condiments, says a Press Note. All spices and condiments other than chillies are no longer controlled and export is freely allowed.

Indian Troops Launch Surprise Attacks

Heavy Casualties Inflicted On Raiders In Naushera-Jhangar Area: Road-Blocks Cleared

JAMMU, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): Indian troops killed and wounded over 400 raiders in a number of surprise attacks and clearing operations at road-blocks set up by raiders during the past three days in the rain-drenched Naushera-Jhangar area and cleared all the road blocks.

Lt. Col. Ali Bahadur, formerly of the Kashmir State Forces, said to be in charge of raiders operations on the Naushera-Jhangar Road was wounded but escaped to the north towards Riasi according to prisoners taken by Indian troops after the engagements.

RAIDERS ACTIVE

Raiders have been increasing their activity in the Naushera-Jhangar area during the last 48 hours. They have attacked Indian troop positions in Jhangar and east of Naushera and Beri-Hattan Fifty raiders in uniform were seen in Mala West of Jhangar. Another patrol supported by armoured cars encountered 400 Pathans west of Jhangar on the road to Mirpur. Twenty of them were killed.

Indian Army position in Naushera was sniped at ineffectively. North of Naushera, an enemy position at Khud-I-Dhari was liquidated in a surprise attack and forty raiders were killed and another 100 wounded.

ROAD-BLOCK CLEARED

A road-block east of Beri-Pattan which was covered by a group of three-hundred Pathans was cleared after what is described as a "sharp and swift encounter." The raiders withdrew to hills south of the road. At a third road block 39 raiders were killed and 73 wounded. Two Indian soldiers were killed and five wounded in these engagements.

Indian Army pickets in Poonch area repulsed a number of simultaneous attacks by parties of raiders armed with machineguns and mortars. A hill feature in the hands of the raiders was attacked and captured by Indian troops. Enemy concentrations west of Poonch were mortared. Indian artillery shelled another concentration in a Nulla and 27 dead bodies were counted by an Indian Army patrol. It is believed enemy casualties killed and wounded in this area alone during the past two days exceed 100.

TWENTY RAIDERS KILLED

NEW DELHI, December 23 (API): 20 raiders were killed some distance West of Jhangar when an Indian Army Patrol attacked a band of raiders says tonight's Ministry of Defence Communique on Kashmir. Our troops dispersed a concentration of raiders in the Naushera area after a brief engagement.

The raiders attacked one of our positions near Uri. Our troops repulsed the attack killing fifteen raiderra.

Except for patrol activity there is little to report from elsewhere.

PROVINCES CANNOT UNDERMINE CENTRE'S BORROWING CAPACITY

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ed to the business community to throw their weight in the direction of forces that wanted to create a strong Centre.

GOVT. MUST GET MORE

On the question of tax collection particularly Income-Tax the Finance Minister said that he had not the slightest doubt that the Government of India did not get more than 50 p.c. of the income due to them. The National Government had a right to appeal for the full co-operation of the business world in respect of payment of taxes.

"This is a matter in which there should be more of co-operation—I am almost going to say more honesty from the business community." They themselves knew that a great deal of prejudice had been created against businessmen during the last seven or eight years as a result of malpractices. The result was honest men suffered The Government, therefore had to devise new ways and means of tightening up the machinery of taxation. He appealed to the business community to create a better social consciousness.

Dealing with control of expenditure the, Finance Minister revealed that he had decided to appoint an Economy Committee shortly That Committee, he said would be predominantly Non-official. He expected suggestions from it on how the expenditure of the Central Government could be kept down to its minimum.

PRODUCTION DRIVE

Stressing the need for increased production, the Finance Minister referred to the formula accepted at the recent industries conference in Delhi for observing Industrial truce between capital and labour, and said that however effective the Government machinery might be the ultimate results could be achieved only by the fullest co-operation of all sections.

The Finance Minister also revealed that the Government of India was considering the question of examining the possibility of Government directly purchasing, or chartering, some ships for transport of coal along the coast.

The Finance Minister also referred to the Commercial enterprise undertaken by Provincial Governments such as Motor Transport within their jurisdiction which did not pay any Income-Tax to the Central Government. He stated that under the present constitution the Central Government had no power to tax the Provincial Governments on profits they made in business enterprises.

Since there was a growing tendency in the direction of more and more enterprises being taken over directly under the control and management of Provincial Governments the Finance Minister revealed, he had suggested to the Expert Committee set up by the Constituent Assembly to make a provision to be embodied in the New Constitution under which when any Provincial Government took up a trading activity it should pay to the Central Government Income-Tax and other Taxes like any other individual.

Dr. Ba Maw Released

Special Tribunal To Deliver Judgment On Dec. 30

RANGOON Dec. 23. (Reuter): Dr. Ba Maw, Prime Minister in Burma during the Japanese occupation, who was arrested five months ago in a round-up following the assassination of U Aung San and other Burmese Cabinet Ministers, was released from Tharawaddy jail, 70 miles north of Rangoon, today, and was expected to arrive at his Rangoon home tonight.

No charges had been brought against Dr. Ba Maw.

Officials said recently that he and other arrested politicals were to be charged with complicity in a plot to overthrow the Burmese Government, alleged to have been discovered after the assassinations of Aung San and his colleagues last July.

Authoritative sources here said that they did not know if other politicians, arrested at the same time as Dr. Ba Maw, were likely to be released.

JUDGMENT ON DEC. 30

Judgment in the trial of Burma's pre-war Premier U Saw and others, will be delivered on December 30, the Special Tribunal trying the case announced today.

The announcement followed the final stage of the prosecution case of the Advocate General U Tun Byu.

Chattisgarh States To Merge With C. P.

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 22 (API): All Rulers of Chhattisgarh States, except one, have signed the agreement voluntarily merging their States with the Central Provinces, it is learnt.

The Rulers and Dewans of these States will arrive at Jubbulpore on December 25 to attend a Conference on matters relating to the administration and other affairs.

Dutch Soldiers Killed In Bomb Explosion

BATAVIA, Dec. 23 (Reuter): Explosion of a second home-made bomb in Batavia within 10 days slightly injured two Dutch soldiers outside the British Consulate General last night, bringing the casualties for the period to two dead and 17 hurt. Dutch Military Police said they have established that the bombs were home-made. Army sources said they believed the bombs were intended for Dutch soldiers. The first explosion occurred near a Dutch military truck among a crowd leaving a theatre. In another explosion last week a hand grenade killed an Indonesian woman and her child.

"MILK"

IT IS PROPOSED to determine the demand for pure Cow's Milk for domestic consumption, under the Milk Distribution Scheme. Intending consumers are requested to register their approximate daily demand at the respective Milk Distributing Centres, before 31st December 1947.

D. N. KHURODY,
Milk Commissioner
Bombay, 15th December, 1947.

Govt. Policy Not Helpful To Labour

ASOKA MEHTA EXPLAINS TOKEN STRIKE STAND

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. Asoka Mehta, in a course of a statement says:

Yesterday the Labour Minister was kind enough to convene a Conference of Labour representatives in the city. At the Conference with rare unanimity the existing adjudication machinery was condemned. Various suggestions were made for rehauling it. Mr. Nanda kindly took down all the suggestions made and assured the invitees the Conference would be called again to discuss the suggestions in fuller details. It was also decided to convene the Conference at least once in a month and use it as a forum for discussing urgent grievances of the workers in general and complaints against Labour Office in particular. I am grateful to Mr. Nanda for the promptness and sincerity, so characteristic of him with which he called the Conference.

Nothing pains me more than to have a disagreement with men like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, leaders whom I have always respected and for whom I have entertained great affection. I wish it was possible for me to advise the workers to call off the token strike but I find myself unable to do so because we have found in the past that there are too many slips between the cup and the lip, between the assurances and their implementation. I would never dream of questioning the undoubted sincerity of Mr. Nanda. But there are forces around him who have prevented in the past and who are likely to prevent carrying out of the liberal labour policy.

Let us take the question of civil liberties for the trade unionists. It is absurd that while no police permission is necessary for religious meetings, trade union meetings cannot be held without the previous sanction of the police. More than once such sanction has been denied by the police and it is interesting to note that a denial of civil liberties is greatest when the Labour Minister is out of station. We are anxious to strengthen the hands of Mr. Nanda to give the labour the full freedom to express their feelings, sentiments and aspirations through meetings, processions and other forms of peaceful demonstrations.

Some weeks back the employees of the Government of Bombay, the Central Government and Quasi-Government organisations in the city had decided to observe one day strike to protest against the indifferent attitude shown towards the Unions by their respective authorities. At that time in response to the written assurance given by the Government of Bombay. I advised the Government employees to call off the strike. The strike was called off. It is no pleasure to me to report now that in the last 4½ months little has been done to implement the assurances given by the Government of Bombay. No Whitley Councils have been set up. The Bombay Government Staff Federation has been refused an opportunity to discuss with the Government the question of the revision of pay scales which naturally interests all the employees. The Federation has likewise been refused an opportunity to discuss the problem of alternate employment for the temporary staff. The Federation gave up its right to strike and even agreed not to issue any statement to the Press without the previous sanction of the Director of Publicity.

These sacrifices on our part have not resulted in cordial relationship on the part of the Government. It is worth noting that for the General Strike on the 29th instant the employees of the Government of Bombay have been advised by me not to participate in the strike because of the "no strike" commitment we have entered into with the Government. On our side thus we have been honouring our obligations, while the Government have to put it mildly, remained utterly indifferent.

A lot is made about fall in production that this one day strike will cause. I want to assure all concerned that the Socialist Party will see to it that in the next week or two a day's loss is made up by extra and more intensified work.

Let the Socialist Party be judged by its ability to deliver the goods on the production front also. We have no desire to embarrass anyone. We are anxious as others to improve the conditions of our people, but we are all of the confirmed opinion that the bottleneck of production cannot be got over unless the Congress radically changes its approach to the workers and recognises it as a significant partner both in the industry and in the administration.

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ATTACK ON CALCUTTA FIRM

West Bengal Govt's Explanation

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): Explaining the incidents that led to the use of Tear gas to disperse a crowd at a commercial firm in Calcutta yesterday, the Government of West Bengal in a press note today stated that the bearer of a commercial establishment in Netaji Subhas Road jumped from the 3rd floor of the building and sustained severe injury. From the evidence of the senior employees of the establishment it appeared to be an attempt at suicide in a state of temporary insanity. The rumour, however, went round the neighbouring commercial locality that the bearer had been thrown out of the window by an officer of the establishment, (a foreign national).

"Crowds began to collect near this building and a small crowd attacked this office and damaged some furniture and records. The Police had to be called out. Four shells of tear gas were fired to disperse the crowd inside the building after which four persons were taken into custody. A police patrol was deputed to the area."

Drive For Recovery Of Unlicenced Firearms

BANGALORE, Dec. 22, (A.P.I.): The drive for recovery of unlicensed firearms, ammunition and weapons is being conducted in Bangalore Cantonment. It will be recalled that some time ago, large quantities of ammunition and some unlicensed guns were seized. District Magistrate has now issued a call to the public to surrender such arms voluntarily and has promised them immunity from prosecution.

East Punjab Police Patrol Open Fire

JULLUNDUR, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): A police patrol from Lasian, (Grudaspur district) had to open fire on three Pakistan Riflemen who were in the act of attacking some refugees while crossing a revulet on the night of December 17/18, says a communique issued by the East Punjab Government.

Earlier this gang had looted some refugees. Fire was also exchanged between three other Pakistan civilians and the East Punjab Police patrol on December 19 without any casualty on either side.

Fourteen Muslim girls and four children were recovered in Police station Ladwa (Karnal district).

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO SOLVE GERMAN PROBLEMS

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (UPA). General Lucius D. Clay today said that another attempt would be made to solve the major German problems on a four-power basis before any steps were taken to establish a full-scale Anglo-American zonal administration.

The American military Government gave qualified approval to the statement made earlier today by Sir Brain Roberston, British military Governor, that the western powers would "take no irrevocable step" which would rule out any future agreements with the Russians. No such step is contemplated at present, Clay said. No decision has been made to complete the two-zone economic fusion by a political merger, he said. But he added that he had always held that "economic fusion without political fusion cannot be successful."

INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE

U. S. Willing To Cut Down Figures

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 22 (U.P.A.): The United States today offered tentatively to trim down its figures on the naval, aid and ground strength that should go into the proposed international police force, reliable sources reported.

They said that new suggestions, designed to ease the east-west deadlock in the United Nations Military Staff Committee, were put forward on a most informal basis at sub-committee level.

According to informants, the United States is reportedly willing to agree to some cut in the number of small vessels that would make up the naval arm of the United Nations police force. However, American representatives are said to be sticking to their figures on the core of the proposed fleet—six carriers, three battleships and 15 cruisers.

On ground strength, the United States was said to be ready to modify its original demand for 20 divisions and to settle for a force of between 15 and 18 divisions. It also was reported as suggesting an air arm of 2,800 planes instead of 3,800 as originally proposed.

the United States has been adamantly United Nations has refused to comment one way or the other on the reports. The crux of the Russo-American deadlock in the Military Staff Committee stems from the disagreement over whether the Big Five contributions should be exactly equal in each category or whether the overall contributions merely should be comparable.

Russia has been insisting on a precise matching of contributions and the United States has been adamantly rejecting this method as impractical.

20-OUNCE BABY BORN IN U. S.

MINNEAPOLIS (Minnesota), Dec. 22 (UPA): A physician at Fairview Hospital delivered a 20-ounce baby girl doctors disclosed today.

The child was born, December 6, and in its first six days it has gained four ounces, doctors said. She will remain in an incubator for three to four months and the parents will be permitted to take her home when she weighs approximately six pounds.

Hospital officials said that the smallest baby known to have survived in the United States previously was a 24½ ounce child, born 16 years ago. They believed a 20-ounce baby had been born in Germany in the same year and that both were nine-month baby.

Hospital officials believed that the baby might be the smallest ever to survive but the American Medical Association disclosed that a girl, weighing only 12 ounces, was born in Chicago in 1936.

The Chicago girl was in an incubator for nearly five months, but she is now a normal child weighing 79 pounds.

Grady Confers With Truman On India

NEW YORK, December 23. (Reuter): Doctor Henry F. Grady, the United States Ambassador to India, told President Truman that India was now ready to go ahead economically.

Doctor Grady told reporters that he had informed the President that communal warfare in India was "about over at least temporarily—perhaps indefinitely".

U. S. Authorities Arrest Indian Correspondent

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 22 (Reuter): A few hours after a Greek journalist had been reported arrested by the United States authorities, the United Nations Correspondents' Committee have received a telegram tonight from an Indian Correspondent, Syed Hasan, who had also been arrested.

Syed Hasan, who cabled from Ellis Island, the detention centre near New York, appealed for help against "the infringement of my press rights."

Syed Hasan was accredited to the United Nations as correspondent for the "People's Age" Indian Communist Party paper.

He also cabled for help of Mr. Trygve Lie, the United Nations Secretary General, who sent a telegram to Mr. Warren Austin, the Chief United States Delegate, notifying him of both arrests.

The Greek Journalist, M. Nicholas Kyriazedes, is United Nations Correspondent for several Greek Communist newspapers suppressed by the Greek Government. The United States immigration service will decide at a hearing tomorrow whether he is to be deported.

Steel Quotas To U. P. Merchants Suspended

LUCKNOW, Dec 22 (API.) Quotas of iron and steel fabricators all over the province have been suspended by Mr. C. B. Gupta, Minister for Civil Supplies, U.P., pending enquiry into the 'mona fide' of individuals and firms carrying on trade as fabricators.

During his inspection tour to Kanpur Mr. Gupta, it is learned, discovered that most of the firms either did not exist and had no workshops of their own or were obtaining iron and steel in more than one fictitious name.

King Paul Improving

ATHENS, Dec. 22 (Reuter). King Paul of the Hellenes' condition has improved and his pulse is regular, tonights' health bulletin said.

A blood test had showed the existence of Typhoid bacillus, the report said.

It was learned tonight that Dr. Lemier, of Paris will come to Athens to attend the King in place of Dr Mollaret, Paris specialist in infectious diseases, whose name was mentioned earlier.



Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, who will succeed Sir John Colville as Governor of Bombay.

EAST BENGAL LEAGUE PARTY MEETS

Discusses Food Situation In Province

DACCA, Dec. 22 (A.P.I.): The East Bengal Muslim League Assembly Party met for the first time after the achievement of Pakistan yesterday at the residence of the Premier, Khwaja Nazimuddin.

Out of 116 members about 80, including all Ministers and Mr. Muhammad Ali, ex-Minister, were present. Khwaja Nazimuddin, the leader, presided.

It is understood that the meeting recommended that the Assembly should be summoned at an early date for election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

The meeting, it is understood, also discussed the food problem. Several members urged decontrolling of food stuff in the province. After some discussion it was decided to postpone consideration of the matter till the Food Minister of the Pakistan Dominion, Mr. Ghaznafar Ali, visited the province which he would be requested to do when the East Bengal Assembly meets for its first session.

A member also proposed immediate withdrawal of the ban recently imposed on three Calcutta dailies. After some discussion the resolution was withdrawn but it is expected that the ban would be lifted shortly.

U. P. Leaguer Resigns From Assembly

BASTI, Dec. 22 (A.P.I.): Mr. Mohammad Ismail, former League M.L.A. from Basti, has resigned his membership of the U. P. Legislative Assembly.

In his letter of resignation to His Excellency the Governor Mr. Ismail says: I was elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly on the Muslim League ticket from Mohammadan rural Basti east constituency. My sole purpose in seeking the election was to serve my community and the country. Since the partition of India, politics have taken new shape and under the present circumstances I find myself unable to serve my constituency in the light of my resolve when I accepted the League ticket and to protect its interest in the best way possible. I therefore think it desirable to vacate my seat so that electors of the constituency may be free to make a fresh choice. I therefore beg to resign my seat in the U. P. Legislative Assembly."

Mr. Abdul Hakim, who had filed an election petition against Mr. Mohammad Ismail, in a letter to the Election Tribunal said that since the seat had fallen vacant by the resignation of Mr. Mohammad Ismail, he would not press his petition.

NO SABOTAGE OF PRODUCTION DRIVE

Harry Pollitt Clarifies Party Policy

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter): Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the Communist Party, tonight declared there was "not a word of truth" in allegations by Labour Party chiefs that the Communists would sabotage the production drive in industry.

Mr. Pollitt, who was replying to yesterday's statement by Labour Party General Secretary, Mr. Morgan Phillips calling on labourites to fight an expected campaign of sabotage by Communists "and their fellow travellors" during coming months, said "we issued appeals to the workers to increase production long before Mr. Phillips or the Labour Party. The Communist Party is proud of what its members have done in industry and agriculture, and in the pits.

"It is the Labour Government that is sabotaging production. It is cutting down capital expenditure on which the future production of the country depends. It is checking the production of houses, schools, hospitals, health centres. It is surrendering Britain to American a big business.

Additional Bogies For Muslim Conference Delegates

LUCKNOW, Dec 22 (API.) The East Indian Railway administration have arranged that additional third class bogie will be attached to various trains for the convenience of delegates and others, intending to travel to and from Lucknow in connection with the Muslim conference to be held at Lucknow no Decemberr 27 and 28 says a press note.

These third class bogies will be attached adjacent to the "minority community" bogies on trains where such carriages are running at present.

SEDITION CHARGE AGAINST S. AFRICAN COMMUNISTS

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 22 (Reuter): Evidence of clashes between native mineworkers and Police during a strike of 5,000 native mineworkers on the Rand in August last year was given in the Magistrate's court here today when the preparatory examination of sedition allegations involving 10 men described as Communist was resumed.

Major J. J. Dutoit, Deputy Commissioner of South African Police and District Commandant last year in the Springs mines area which covered also the Nigel and Brakpan mines, said Police patrolled all the mines in his area and were only called upon to take action in a few cases. First call was from the West Springs mine, he said. The Native Commissioner, who he had asked to visit the mine, warned the Natives they were breaking their contract terms by refusing to work but the Natives gave printed pamphlets and said they had been granted a daily wage of 10 shillings and had not received it" Major Dutoit said he next went to the Sub-Nigel mine with about hundred men inside the compound a Native Commissioner and mine officials were addressing the Natives. But they were often interrupted and the meeting broke up in disorder.

The officials left the compound and the natives came up to the gate. Major Dutoit said he brought his men up to drive the Natives back to their rooms but as Police came into the compound the Natives returned to their rooms. A loud-speaker announcement that Natives wishing to go back to work would be protected by the Police was greeted by shouting and a section of the Natives who started pulling out iron standards of the compound fence, appeared to be in a very ugly mood, witness said. Major Dutoit then gradually withdrew the Police from the compound. As a result of the happenings during the night there was a number of calls for help from other mines next morning he said. Major Dutoit described to the Court other incidents including fights between strikers and non-strikers and how the Police finally restored order.

The hearing was adjourned.

Convicted For Bigamy

KARWAR, December 22 (A.P.I.): Mr. C. S. Deodhar, District Judge, Karwar, confirming the judgment passed in the Lower Court, against Raya Sheth who was charged with having committed bigamy sentenced him to undergo two months rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 200 while the bride, the bridegroom's mother and the a bride's brother were each sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 25, Rs. 100 and Rs. 125 respectively under the prevention of District under the anti-bigamy Act.

This is the second conviction in the District under the anti-bigamy Act.

Rajendra Prasad's Warning To Biharis

Asks Them Not To Take Law Into Their Hands But Behave In Civilised Manner

PATNA, December 22. (A.P.I.): Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Congress President and India's Food Minister replying to a public reception accorded to him at the Bankipur maidan this afternoon warned parties, groups and factions against taking the law in their own hands even if they were convinced of the righteousness of their cause. That way, he added, lay chaos, confusion and anarchy and the doom of the new born freedom for the achievement of which the country had paid a heavy price in sacrifice and suffering.

Dr. Prasad who had been pained to witness unseemly demonstrations by a small section of the people present at the meeting against the President of the Bihar Provincial Congress Committee and to hear of similar demonstrations against other prominent Congressmen both yesterday and this morning at the Students' Congress meeting said that if any group, party or section of the people had any grievance they should ventilate it in a civilized manner and try to have it redressed through constitutional methods. They should represent their case to higher authorities instead of indulging in violent demonstrations.

Swaraj, Dr. Prasad said was only a means towards an end. That was to better the lot of the common man and to lead the country towards progress and prosperity. For achieving this end it was essential that there should be absolute peace and tranquillity in the country. For this the people must eschew violence in every form, they must act and behave in such a manner as to belie the assertions of the British Government that left to themselves Indians would fight against one another. They must show the world that they could govern themselves.

The memorable fifteenth of August had come and gone, Dr. Prasad said, ushering in not only the cherished Swaraj of the teeming millions of India but also burdening the people of the country with heavy responsibility and no longer could they lay the blame for any of their trouble at the door of the Britishers. As they now had their own Government it was for them now to make or mar their country's cause.

CALL TO YOUNGER GENERATION

Dr. Prasad feelingly said "I am old. My colleagues are old. We won't be able to continue to be at the helm of affairs for long. The younger generation shall have now to come forward and guide their own destiny. Gigantic tasks of nation-building and of ending poverty, disease and hunger are facing the country. It is for you to consider how you will tackle them. If you have the country's good at heart, you must not try to excel one another in factionalism and competitive violence. You should instead try to beat one another in the field of constructive work. Instead of waiting for the Government to do everything for you and blaming it if it fails in any respect, you must go forward for the uplifting of the society".

PAY SCALES FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Karwar Head-Masters Dissatisfied

KARWAR, December 22. (A.P.I.): At a meeting of the Board of Head-Masters of secondary schools of Karwar district, held last week, a resolution was passed to the effect that the recommendations of pay scales for secondary school teachers in aided schools made by the Ghate-Paruleker Committee are quite unsatisfactory. The resolution further urged the Bombay Government to adopt the revised pay scales for the secondary teachers now obtaining in the United Provinces which allow for a trained graduate Rs. 100 to Rs. 250 and a trained matriculate Rs. 60 to Rs. 150.

By another resolution the Board urged the Government of Bombay to increase the grant to schools from the standard of 33 1/3 per cent recommended by the above Committee to 40 per cent. of the admitted expenditure.

FRENCH GOVT.'S ANTI-INFLATION LEVY BILL

Reds And De Gaullists Vote Against Proposal

PARIS, Dec. 22. (Reuter): Despite opposition from the Communist and the De Gaullists, who voted together, the French National Assembly tonight adopted a proposal to take up immediate discussion of the Government's proposed bill for anti-inflation levy.

Unity of the two opposition parties was greeted with derisive cries from Socialist and M. R. P. (Popular Republican) parties.

The Assembly is to discuss later tonight a motion by Premier Robert Schuman to allow the debate on the levy bill to proceed after midnight.

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter). Newsprint for tightly-rationed British newspapers will cost more in 1948 and supplies may have to be cut later in the year, Mr. F B. Bishop, General Manager of the Newsprint Supply Company warned tonight in a letter to the press.



Bombay Dyeing Shares Move Up On Active Support

COTTON PRICES REACH NEW HIGH LEVELS

Bullion Market Improves On Renewed Buying And Covering

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

The year-end one hour session of the Bombay stock exchange closed with optimistic feeling and particularly cotton mill shares were in good demand. For the past few days Tata Steel shares are neglected but remain steady.

Political situation has greatly improved and the Government is actively busy to devise measures to tide over the production crisis. Thus the industrial outlook is encouraging and naturally there will be more disposition to buy shares on important setbacks. This potential buying is bound to present healthy price structure. Thus the main trend remains upward but in view of the Central Budget traders are likely to be cautious.

Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 2000/- and improved at Rs. 2020/- but quietened at Rs. 2005/- Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 393/- and closed at Rs. 394/- Bombay Dyeings remain popular and after opening at Rs. 1230/- advanced at Rs. 1241/- Kohinoors opened at Rs. 635/- and hardened at Rs. 641/- Simplex shares opened at Rs. 253/- and improved at Rs. 257/- while Swadeshi shares opened at Rs. 680/- and advanced at Rs. 688/-.

The market was fairly steady and Tata Steel Dfds. after declining at Rs. 1992/8 improved at Rs. 2007/8. Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 393/- Bombay Dyeings improved at Rs. 1250/- Central Bank shares were quoted at Rs. 91/- while Scindia shares were done at Rs. 37/11. A.C.C. Shares opened at Rs. 194/8 but quietened at Rs. 191/- Belapurs were steady at Rs. 252/-.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 1250 Kohinoor 643 Swadeshi 689 Nagpur 368 Simplex 257/8 New Great 434 Gokak 351 Indore 752/8 Century 975 Colaba 325 I. Bleaching 160 Swan 375 Finlay 333 Morarji 612/8 Edward 727/8 Meyer 237/8 Apollo 4/8 I. U. Ordinary 17/15 I. U. Defd. 3/9 Madhusudan 295 Poddar 365 Khatau X. D. 272/8.

STEEL

Tata Steel Ord. 393 Tata Steel Defd. 2007/8 Second 152/8.

CEMENT

Associated Merger 191.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 529 Belapur 352 Shivrajpur 41/8 Scindia 37/11 Construction 226 Tata Chemical 17/8 Tata Oil 72/8 Indian Iron 37/12 Bengal Steel 32/8.

ELECTRIC SHARES.

Tram Ord. 139/4 Tata Hydro 175 Andhra 1562/8 Power X. D. 1737/8.

MILLS (CASH)

Elphinstone 94 Phoenix 460 Ind. Mig 4460 Kooria 306/4 Dawn 1545 David 142/8 New City 243/12 Minerva 213/12 Bradbury 640 Bharucha (Defd) 7/8 Bharat 50/4 Mysore 240 Madhavji 19/6 Model 216/4 Laxmi X. D. 1640 Vishnu X. D. 636 Western 4325 Standard 500 Sholapur 6300 Sassoon Cotton 19 Hindustan 455C Tata 89 Ahmedabad Advance 460 Sassoon Silk 75/8 New Union 20 Madhusudan 292/8 Shrinivas 408/12 Raja Bahadur 125 Berar 265 Victoria 425 Kohinoor Cpn. 56 Simplex Cpn. 126.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 157/8 New 148/2 Surat 171/4 New Prem 110 Karachi 145 Broach 11 Ajmer X. D. 12/4 Amalgamated 15/8 Nagpur 56/8 Poona 170 Bombay Suburban 176/4 Bombay Suburban (New) Prem. 100

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PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 205 Tram 50 Andhra Valley 1355 Tata Power 1430 Hydro 136/4 Bombay Steamer 323/12 Nagpur 705 Swadeshi 146/4 Vishnu 825 Laxmi 308/12 New Great 268/12 Poddar 115/10 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 126/4 Bradbury 497/8 Surat Elec. 165/10 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 127 (Second Pref.) 122/8 Amalgamated 135 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 115 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 17/10 Supreme 120 Meyer 125 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 Ahd. Advance 143/12 Mysore Mill 51 Standard 100 Madhusudan 12

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OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Copper 3/8/6 B. I. C. 10/4 Burma Corporation 3/15 New Victoria 6/2 New Victoria Preference 7/2 Raja 32 Phalton 124 Gold Mohur 305 Kaiser-I-Hind 380 Sajjan 297/8 Osmanshahi 285 Azamshahi 245 Air Service 13/4 Air Ambika 18 Air India (Tata) 197/8 Hind Motor 8/10 India Steam 17/2 Sone Valley 9

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 23:

There was renewed buying and short covering today in the Bullion market. Recently there had been considerable selling pressure and most of the buying was influenced by technical considerations. At the opening forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 166/4 and advanced at Rs. 167/- Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 167/8 Forward Gold opened at Rs. 104/- and improved at Rs. 104/8. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 104/9 while sovereigns were placed at Rs. 67/12.

Later on there was further active buying and the market closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	169	2	0
Forward Silver	168	4	0
Ready Gold	104	12	0
Forward Gold	104	8	0
Sovereigns	68	0	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, December 23.

The local cotton market reached today a new high level under active buying from professional operators and it appears that bears will have to pay fully at the ceiling level plus Rs. 7/8 penalty.

The statistical position is gaining strength and with scarcity of good cotton, the market was moving up. At the top of this upward move, hopes of early decontrol influenced active buying and shorts were badly caught and were forced to cover in a rising market.

The Government has warned cotton mills not to buy any cotton above ceiling prices and it remains to be seen whether the Government freeze stocks of good cotton..

Yesterday the market was officially closed but privately prices were pushed up and the market was expected to open at Rs. 517 for January delivery but the market opened firm at Rs. 521 and declined at Rs. 519/8 under scattered selling. At this level there was renewed buying and January advanced at Rs. 521 while March business was done at 516/8.

Later on there was further short covering in January which improved at Rs. 525 while March was quoted at Rs. 517

January advanced at Rs. 527 but reacted at Rs. 523/8. The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. Jan.	524	0	0
I.C.C. March	517	0	0
I.C.C. May	519	0	0
I.C.C. July	523	12	0
I.C.C. Sept.	525	8	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton January Contract is 1544 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331

HOLIDAYS IN COTTON MARKET

The local cotton market will remain entirely closed on 25th inst. and on 1st January.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, December 23.

The produce market was fairly steady. Castorseeds forward market was closed today being Ekadashi. Groundnuts Bold December/January were quoted at Rs. 31/6 and February-March at Rs. 31/4. Groundnut oil December was quoted at Rs. 18, January at Rs. 17/13 and February at Rs. 17/14. Linseed ready was quoted at Rs. 28/13 and February-March was also placed at Rs. 28/13.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 23.

Tata Ordinary 393 Tata Deferred 2007/8 Indian Iron 37/12 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 32/8 Bombay Dyeing 1215 Central India 368/2 Gokak 351/4 Kohinoor 643/2 Simplex 257/8 Swadeshi 688/12 Tata Power 1737/8 Associated Cement 191 Belapur 351/14 Bombay Burma (Old) 520 Scindia 37/11 Central Bank 91/4 New India 88/2 Tata 2nd Pref. 152/8

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

Apollo 4/7/6 4/8/6 4/7/6 4/8
B. Dyeing 1235 52/8 35 50
C. India 367 71 66 68
Colaba 305 25
E. Textiles 727/8
Elphinstone Ord. 93 94
Finlay 334 32 33
Gokak 350 52 51 54 50 51
I. U. Defd. 3/8 3/10 3/9
I. U. Ord. 18 17/13 18/1 17/13 17/15
Indore 740 55 45 52/8
Kohinoor 637 44 38 43
Madhusudan 290 95 90 95
Meyer 236/4 37/3
Model 216/4
Morarji 610 12/8
New Great 435 32 36 34
Podar 363/12 70 65
Simplex 255 60 57 57/8
Swadeshi 680 91 85 89
Tata Mills 85 89
Mysore Mills 241/4
Vishnu 630
C. P. Rly. 108/8 8/12 8
BANKS
Central 90 89/8 91
Imperial Old 2297/8
Imperial New 575 76/4
India 250
Reserve 121
Union 11/10 11 5 11/8
U. Commercial 76 76/8
ELECTRIC
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Andhra Valley 156/2/8 60 65 62/8
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I. Iron 37/12 37/9 37/12 37/8 37/12
Tata Defd 2000 20 7/8 12/8 1992/8 2005 2000 7/8
Tata Ord. 394 96 92 94 93 94 93
Tata 2nd Pref 152/8
MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock 340 37/8
A. C. C Old 194/8 90 91
A. C. C. New 111 14 11
Belapur 350 53 51 52
B. B. Old 525 20
B. B. New 168/12 70
B. B. Petrol 3/11
P. Const. 225 26
P. 2nd Pref 122/8
Shivrajpur 42 41/8
Tata Chem. 17/8
Tata Oil 73 72 72/8
Vimco 323/12 31/4
Dena Trust 24
SPECIAL
Central Coupon 18 19
Central Bank New 91
Dena Bank 61
Muhamodi Steamship 102/8
Haydari Const. 15/6

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/8 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th 12th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/8 7/32 7th and 9th Month

New York and Montreal B C Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Buying T T Rs. 330

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4

Montreal Rs. 328 1/2

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329

Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C

Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 3550

Paris Banks Buying T T Fcs. 3650

Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79

Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs. 1305

Java Banks Selling T T D D

Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84

Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate Dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4

London Discts. 3 Months 17/32 p.c.

London Discts. 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p. c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call 1/2 p c 3 months 1/2 p c 6 months 3/4 p c 12 months 1-1/4 p. c.

Tone:—Easy.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, Dec. 23.

Coiryarn Beypore 170/180; Quilandy 185/195; Fibre Garbled 125; Ungarbled 115; Cocoanuts Raw 117; Dry 155; Cocoanut Oil 407/8; Copra Office 285; Dilpasand 310; Madrasnottam 322/8; Pepper Wynaad 740; Country 720; Dry Ginger Chernad 250; Ernad 235; Coffee Robusta 96; Timber Pali 60/61; Junglewood 27/30; Vellapine 46/50; Benteak 55/60; Teak 90/95; Mango Planks 3/3/4; Teak 12/17/8; Rosewood 12/17/8.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS.

During the week ended the 19th December, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 7,24,00,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India, for the week ended the 19th day of December

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	56,15,76,000
Notes in circulation	1218,28,84,000
Total Notes issued	1274,44,60,000
Total Liabilities	12,74,44,60,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,45,000
(b) Held outside India	..
Sterling Securities	1135.32,89,000
Total of A	1179,74,34,000
B. Rupee Coin	36,86,22,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	57,84,04,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	..
Total Assets	1274,44,60,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 92.569 per cent.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Central Government of	
(1) India	355.91,08,000
(2) Pakistan	1,89,13,000
(b) Other Government in	
(1) India	13,67,21,000
(2) Pakistan	84,90,000
(b) Others	35,40,27,000
(c) Banks	108.84,00,000
Bills Payable	4,27,20,000
Other Liabilities	9,83,71,000
Rupees	540,67,50,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	56,15,76,000
Rupee Coin	11,44,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,32,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	..
(b) External	..
(c) Government Treasury Bills	64,17,000
Balances held abroad *	386.49,06,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	88,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	2,25,000
Investments	92,32,90,000
Other Assets	4,02,60,000
Rupees	540,67,50,000

* Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

	Rs.	as.	p.
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	12	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1950	101	6	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1951	98	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1948-52	100	11	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1960	100	6	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1962	100	2	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1975	99	8	0
3 p.c. Non-Terminable.	101	0	0
3 p.c. 1986 Con.	101	5	0
3 p.c. 1949-52	102	4	0
3 p.c. 1951-54	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1953-55	102	14	0
3 p.c. 1957	102	12	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	102	9	0
3 p.c. 1963-65	102	0	0
3 p.c. 1966-68	102	0	0
3 p.c. 1970-75	101	14	0
3-1/2 p.c. 1954-59	106	4	0
4 p.c. 1948-53	102	12	0
4 p.c. 1960-70	113	13	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1950-55	106	4	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	114	2	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	117	8	9
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2-3/4 p.c U. P. 1961	99	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. Madras 1961	99	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1956	102	0	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1955	102	0	0
4 p.c. Punjab 1949	99	8	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-53	101	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1952	99	8	0
3 p.c. U P 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. C. P 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N. W F. 1952	100	4	0
3 p.c. U. P 1961-66	101	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust	113	0	0
4 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	113	0	0
3 p.c Bombay Municipality 1959	118	0	0
6 p.c. Bombay Municipality 1954	120	0	0
3-1/4 p.c. New Municipal 1977	102	4	0
6 p.c. K. P. T.	117	0	0

LONDON WHEAT

London, Dec. 22.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F. O. B. 137/6 Feb/Mar quoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 22.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	82-7/8
Coversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-3/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	103-3/16
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	112-1/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	114
Chartered Bank of I. A and China	11-3/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Lond. Reg.)	119-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 12383.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 22, (U. P. A.): Trading in pepper on the London market was somewhat more active today, prices rising higher with white selling at two shillings ten pence three farthings and black at one shilling eleven pence.

LONDON SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 22, (U. P. A.): Trading on the silver market was uneventful today and prices remained unchanged.

WALL STREET MARKET BARELY STEADY

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

Further replacement buying and short covering brought one of the activest first hours in months with 430,000 shares changing hands and prices at new recovery levels for the year and rally. Support eventually tappered and irregularity developed with gains still predominating and the undertone very steady. The averages were industrials 191.20 and rails 51.38. An irregularity lower tendency prevailed with declines covering one point or so with increased profit-taking most noticeable in leading rails, steels, motors and air-transports. Some selling of rails and motors was attributed to union wage ideas while airlines reflected disappointing over the passenger traffic volume in face of mounting costs. Utilities were relatively steady aided by the cancellation of the threatened A.F.L. Western Union Strike and continued high power output. Rallying attempts were feebte and rare with the market mostly finishing at the day's low levels. The session closed barely steady.

American Telephone and Telegraph	150-3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	26-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	34-5/8
Chase National Bank	33-1/4
Sinclair Oil	17
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	49-3/4
General Electric Co.	34-3/4
General Motors	57-5/8
Ingersol Rand	127-1/2
International Nickel	27
National City Bank of New York	38-1/2
New York Central Rail Road Co.	14-1/2
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-7/8
Texas Corporation	60
Union Carbon and Carbide	101-3/4
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	43
U. S. Steel Corporation	78
Western Union Telegraph	21-3/8

Pre-Holiday Liquidation In N. Y. Cotton Market

NEW YORK, Dec. 22, (U. P. A.): On the New York Cotton Exchange today, prices moved lower in quiet pre-holiday trading.

The market lacked sustained trade or speculative demand, and prices followed the reactionary trend of grains and were affected by moderate resumption of year-end liquidation.

Until just before the close, the mill demand was disappointingly light and unattracted until March went under the 35 and 1/2 cent level. New buying interest was generally chilled by reports that Congress may write its own version of the foreign aid program, conveying the impression that overseas shipments may be cut sharply below the contemplated administration outlay of 17,000,000,000 dollars.

There were more reports of consumer price resistance in the retail textile trade and the fact that any definite trend in this direction might affect garment manufacturer purchases of gray goods after the first of the year acted to inject an extra note of caution.

New Orleans and western interests wree among the best sellers with professionals apparently attempting to feel out the market's technical position.

The market opened 12 lower ta two points higher. It backed gradually until the day's lowest was established around the middle of the last hour when it was down 27 to 35 points. It rallied indifferently at the close on trade support to close 15 to 22 lower.

WOOL TOPS.

NEW YORK, Dec 22, (U. P. A.): Wool tops closed quiet with prices unchanged to ten lower today. December was quoted at 189—190; March, 178—179; May, 174—175.5; July, 169 traded; October, 168—169; December (1948), 165—168.

CHICAGO RAINS REACTIONARY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22, (U. P. A.): Grain prices on the Chicago Commodity Exchange today were sharply reactionary due to selling of December contracts before those positions went off the board at the close of today's trading.

Closing prices included:

WHEAT December 3.10—3.11 1/2.
March 3.03 1/2 asked.
May 2.96 1/4—2.96.
July 2.65 1/4—2.65.
MAIZE December 2.55 3/8 asked.
May 2.55 1/2—1/4.
July 2.46—2.45 3/4.
September 2.30—2.30 1/2.
RYE Untraded at present.
BARLEY December 1.99 nominal.
WINNIPEG
WHEAT AND MAIZE Untraded at present.
RYE December 4.05 bid.
May 3.86.
July 3.53.
October 2.88.
BARLEY December 1.32 3/8.
May 1.29 3/4—7/8.
July 1.26 5/8.
October 1.21 bid.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 22.

January	35.36—23
March	35.61—22
March Highest	35.87+04
March Yowest	35.47—48
May	35.33—22
July	34.23—15
October	31.30—24
December	30.70—28
March	30.43—25
May	30.10—20
Middling Spot	36.43—22

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Dec. 22.

March	35.56—36
May	35.29—32
July	34.15—35
October	31.24—33
December	30.59—33
Middling Spot	35.30—25

Marshal Feng Brands Chiang As Dictator

Refuses To Recognise Generalissimo's Order To Return To China

NEW YORK, December 23 (Reuter): Branding Generalissimo as a dictator, Marshal Feng Yu-Hsing who is now on an official mission investigating water conservation projects in America, announced today that he could defy Generalissimo Chiang's order to him to return to China forthwith.

In a statement to the Press Feng said "since my mission was appointed by the Executive Yuan (Cabinet) and is directly responsible to it I am utterly confused by Chiang Kai-Shek's personal order which directly contradicts the order from the executive Yuan.

"Such an action by an individual which clearly violates established Government procedure is typical of a dictatorship and I feel honour bound to refuse to recognise it. I am waiting therefore for further clarification.

Feng explained that he was ordered by Chiang Kai-Shek to return before the end of the year in a message transmitted to him last week by the Chinese Embassy. He said some months ago he received an order from Premier Chang Chun, Chairman of Executive Yuan, instructing him to continue his water conservation study from another year.

Marshal Feng added "Many people have warned me that my outspoken criticism of the criminal policies, civil war and dictatorship of the Nanking Government may result in an attempt to silence me by recalling me to China.

Generalissimo Chiang's order is for that purpose, I would like to have it honestly and openly stated".

During congressional debate on aid to China, Republican Representative, Mr. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, accused Marshal Feng of violating the hospitality of the United States by attacking the Chinese Government in speeches in America, and of being Allied with Communist rebels in China and compared him with Mr. Henry Wallace who, he said, went abroad to attack the United States Government policy.

Marshal Feng said today he was "amused" by Mr. Judd's accusations and denounced the various charges as "absurd". To be compared with Mr. Wallace he considered a "great honour". General Feng said he had always seen" in favour of a Coalition Government embracing all political parties in China."

Marshal Feng urged a new political convocation in China as a step towards the formation of a Coalition Government and expressed firm opposition to any American aid to China, the effect of which meant only that "more Chinese people are killed". Generalissimo Chiang led only a minority in the Kuomintang but exercised power through his secret police system over critics who were "either killed or put in gaol", he added.

NEW YORK PEPPER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22, (U. P. A.): In New York today, black pepper futures showed signs of steadiness at the close due to the firm spot situation and reports of a hardening price basis in India. However trading remained at a standstill.

Spot Lampong black pepper was in better demand from dealers with prices quoted nominal unchanged to one cent higher at a basis of 43 to 44 cents peer pound. White muntok moved upwards to 57 to 58 cents per pound.

Closing prices included:

December, 42 nominal; January, 39 bid; March, 37 bid; May 35 bid; July, 34 nominal; September-October, 33 nominal.

Veteran Journalist Of Hyderabad Dead

HYDERABAD (DN.), Dec. 22 (APJ.) The death has occurred of Mr. B. R. Chari, formerly editor of the 'Hyderabad Bulletin' and the 'Deccan Chronicle' respectively.

Mr. Chari had recently started a paper of his own called "The Daily News."

NEW YORK SILVER PRICE.

NEW YORK, 22, (U. P. A.): Handy and Harmon, bullion merchants, quoted the price of silver today at 74 and 5/8) cents.

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NOTICE

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 8th January, 1948 to THURSDAY, the 22nd January, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. B. MORPURIA,
Manager.

Bombay, 20th November, 1947. 6635

THE BOMBAY SWADESHI CO-OPERATIVE STORES COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Western India House, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay on THURSDAY, the 22nd day of January, 1948, at 4-45 p.m. (S.T.) or so soon after the Annual General Meeting called on that day is over when the following resolution will be proposed as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION:—

"That the sum of Rs. 1,25,000|- being a portion of the premium received by the Company on the issue of additional ordinary shares of the Company standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account be capitalized by the distribution of 12,500 fully paid-up five per cent Cumulative Preference Shares of the Company of the face value of Rs. 10|- each ranking for dividend from 1st February, 1948 pursuant to the resolutions of the Board of Directors dated 20th November, 1947 relating to the issue of the said Preference Shares".

The TRANSFER BOOKS, of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 8th January, 1948 to THURSDAY, the 22nd January, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. B. MORPURIA,
Manager.

Dated this 20th Day of December, 1947. 6635A

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Train	Day	Time
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The public are invited to take advantage of this facility and thereby ease the overcrowding on the regular train services. 6652

THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COS. LTD.

NOTICE.

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COMPANIES LIMITED, will be held at THE REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY at 1, Queen's Road, (OPPOSITE CHURCHGATE RAILWAY STATION), FORT, BOMBAY, on FRIDAY, the 23rd January, 1948 at 4 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st July, 1947.
2. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of those who retire, but are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board.
For the Associated Cement Companies, Ltd..
Cement Agencies, Ltd.,
Managing Agents.
J. H. PATEL,
Managing Director.

Bombay, 5th December, 1947.

NOTE:—

The Transfer Books of the Company were closed from Wednesday, the 19th November to Tuesday, the 9th December, 1947 both days inclusive.

The Dividend when sanctioned, will be made payable on and after Thursday, the 29th January, 1948 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on Tuesday, the 9th December, 1947.

As regards shareholders who have made payments in respect of New Shares or Coupons but who have not been allotted Shares before the 9th day of December, 1947, the payment of dividend will be made when corresponding shares have been allotted and the names brought on the Register.

SHAREHOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE COMPANY IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGE IN THEIR ADDRESSES. 6645

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of Non-Ferrous scrap available for disposal at the Mechanical Stores Depot, 'Mechanical' Shops, Parel, Bombay. Form obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2 per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 9-1-1948. 6549

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF FOOD (DIV. II).

Office of the Chief Director of Purchase.

Mansingh Road, New Delhi.

TENDER NO. A|740.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase and removal of refraction collected during the grinding of wheat for Defence Services at the Wallace Flour Mills Co., Ltd. Bombay during the period January to March, 1948. The refractions generally comprise of broken wheat, gram, cockle, ghundi, bhusi, wheatdust, kachra and mill sweepings.

2. Applications for tender forms will be received upto the 27th December, 1947. The price of each tender form containing full particulars is Rs. 4|- per set which is not refundable under any circumstances. Payment must be made in cash or by Money Order only (cheques will not be accepted) to the Chief Director of Purchase, Ministry of Food, Division II, New Delhi quoting this tender number and giving the remitter's full address on the coupon. Tender forms are not transferable.

3. Tenders will be received upto 4 p.m. on Monday, the 12th January, 1948 and will be opened at 11 a.m. on Tuesday the 13th January, 1948. 6627

THE INDIAN MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as per resolution passed by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 23rd December, 1947, an Ad Interim dividend at Rs. 40 (Rupees forty only) per whole share and Rs. 20 (Rupees twenty only) per half share (free of income-tax) for the half year ended 30th September, 1947, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, "Sir Vithaldas Chambers", 16, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay on and after TUESDAY, the 20th January 1948 to those shareholders whose names stand on the register on SATURDAY, the 10th January, 1948.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th January, 1948 to THURSDAY, the 22nd January, 1948, both days inclusive.

The dividend warrants will be posted to the last registered address of the shareholders.

The shareholders at Ahmedabad are advised to receive payments of their dividends from Motilal Govindlal Karsondas, residing at Hari Bhakti Pole, Sankdi Sheri, Ahmedabad, on presenting their share certificates and the warrants duly signed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAMODHER THACKERSEY MOOLJEE & COMPANY,
Agents.

Bombay, 23rd December, 1947. 6660

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF VEHICLES AND ANIMALS

MUNICIPAL WHEEL TAX for the fourth quarter of the year 1947-48 (January to March 1948) falls due on the 1ST OF JANUARY 1948. Owners of motor vehicles are requested to pay the tax due, to the Ward Inspectors of the Assessment and Collection Department or to send the amount direct to the Assessor and Collector at the Municipal Head Office, Fort, Bombay. Their attention is invited to the provisions of Sections 188, 190 and 191 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act.

As the liability to pay wheel tax goes with the possession of the vehicle, intending purchasers of motor vehicles would do well to verify, BEFORE PURCHASE WHETHER MUNICIPAL WHEEL TAX ON THE VEHICLES HAS BEEN PAID UP-TO-DATE.

The owners of HAND CARTS AND BULLOCK CARTS, are likewise liable to pay the tax. They are requested to pay the tax to the authorities named above and to obtain number plates in token of the payment.

B. K. PATEL,
Municipal Commissioner.

Bombay, 24th December, 1947. 6650

THE WESTERN INDIA SPG. & MFG. CO LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as per Resolution passed by the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on the 23rd December 1947, an 'Ad Interim' Dividend at Rs. 40/- (Rupees Forty only) per share (free of income-tax) for the half-year, ended 30th September, 1947, will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, "Sir Vithaldas Chambers", 16, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on and after TUESDAY, the 20th January, 1948 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the register on Saturday the 10th January 1948.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th January, 1948 to THURSDAY, the 22nd January 1948, both days inclusive.

The Dividend Warrants will be posted to the last registered addresses of the shareholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THACKERSEY MOOLJEE SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Bombay, 23rd December, 1947. 6661

PUBLIC NOTICES

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Special Item costing over Rs. 10,000—Class I Contract.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105, Neaji Subhas Road, Calcutta, on 27th February 1948 at 12 O'clock noon.

Tender No. SP/F/Eb2/XL 92/47-48 for the supply of 223 Nos. Cister flushing.

Tender forms and drawings can be obtained from the undernoted Officials on payment of the following charges, to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta, and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

(a) Tender forms at Rs. 5/- per copy from the Controller of Stores' Office, East Indian Railway, 105, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta.

(b) Dy. C.M.E., Lillooah's Drg. No. XL 92, 464, 465, 298, 330, 100, 287, 289 and 313 at -/8/- per copy from Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah.

Firms outside Calcutta may, however, remit the cost of the tender to the Controller of Stores and that of the drawings to Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah direct by Money Order.

No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office and then put into the Tender box outside the Deputy General Manager's (Works) room by the Tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER. 6644

NOTICE.

THE GOKULDAS CULLIANJI BARSI COTTON PRESS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH DIVIDEND of Rs. 10|- (Rupees Ten only) per share of "A" Capital and Twenty-Sixth Dividend of Rs. 2|- (Rupees Two only) per share of "B" Capital will be paid on and after the 20th January, 1948 from 12-0 a.m. to 1-0 p.m. (S.T.) on SATURDAYS and on other week days from 12-0 a.m. to 4-0 p.m. (S.T.).

By Order of the Board,
HEERJI OOMERSEY & CO.
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents

Bombay, 23-12-1947. 6658

THE HINDOOSTAN SPG. & WVG. MILLS CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as per Resolution passed by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on the 23th December, 1947, an Ad Interim Dividend at Rs. 40 per whole share and Rs. 10 per quarter share (free of income-tax) for the half-year ended 30th September 1947, will be paid at the registered office of the Company, "Sir Vithaldas Chambers", 16, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on and after TUESDAY, the 20th January, 1948, to those shareholders whose names stand on the register on SATURDAY 10th January, 1948.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th January, 1948 to THURSDAY, the 22nd January, 1948, both days inclusive.

The Dividend Warrants will be posted to the last registered addresses of the shareholders.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
THACKERSEY MOOLJEE & CO.,
Agents.

Bombay, 23-12-47. 6659

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

THE B.E.S.T. COMMITTEE WANTED

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TRAFFIC MANAGER. 6601

BOMBAY NATIVE DISPENSARY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Donors and Subscribers of the Bombay Native Dispensary will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 24th December, 1947, at 5 P.M. (S.T.) at the Office of Sir Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Baronet, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following:—

1. To receive and adopt the audited Balance Sheet and Report of the Managing Committee for the years 1945 and 1946
2. To appoint a Member in the Managing Committee in place of Mr. Framroze Ardeser Vakil who retires by rotation but is eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint two Honorary Auditors for the years 1947 and 1948.

By Order of the Managing Committee.
JEHANGIR R. M. MASTER.
Secretary (6539)

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. RLY. — TENDERS.

The DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G. I. P. Railway, Bombay V. T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 6-1-1948 for the supply of Pulses at the Railway's Grainshops on the Poona and Bhusaval Divisions. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asstt. Controller, Grainshops, G. I. P. Railway at Poona and Bhusawal. 6654

H. F. HIGGINS (EASTERN) LIMITED.

P. O. Box 1548,
Janmabhoomi Chambers, Fort Street, Bombay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MR. C. A. BRIGDEN is no longer in the service of this Company as and from this date and he is no longer authorised to act for and on behalf of the Company. Dated, 19th December, 1947.

H. F. HIGGINS (EASTERN), LIMITED.
H. F. HIGGINS,
Chairman & Managing Director. 6651

NOTICE.

THE GOKULDAS CULLIANJI AHMEDNAGAR COTTON PRESS COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-EIGHTH DIVIDEND for Rs. 8|- (Rupees Eight only) per share of Rs. 100|- each will be paid on and after 20th January, 1948, from 12-0 a.m. to 1-0 p.m. (S.T.) on SATURDAYS and from 12-0 a.m. to 4-0 p.m. on the other week days.

By Order of the Board,
VALLABHDAS DAYAL & CO.,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.

Bombay, 23-12-1947. 6657

NOTICE.

THE BHURTPORE PRESS CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND DIVIDEND of Re. 1|- (Rupee One) per share of Rs. 100|- each, will be paid on after 20th January, 1948, from 12-0 a.m. to 1-0 p.m. (S.T.) on SATURDAYS and from 12-0 a.m. to 4-0 p.m. (S.T.) on the other week days.

By Order of the Board,
PREMJI OOKERDA & CO.,
Secretaries & Agents.

Bombay, 23rd Dec. 1947. 6656

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION
CITATION

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of KIRPARAM RAMCHAND Merchant, of Nairobi Kenya Africa Hindu, deceased, who died Intestate at Nairobi on the 15th day of August, 1944.

NOEL JOSEPH APTHORPE-WEBB of Bombay European Inhabitant, residing at Bombay Club, Marine Drive, within the Fort of Bombay and a partner of Messrs. Little & Co., Attorneys-at-law, Central Bank Building, Fort, Bombay, and one of the duly constituted Attorneys of Hardevi, widow of Kirparam Ramchand the abovenamed deceased. ..... Petitioner

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness MAHOMMEDALI CURRIM CHAGLA, Esquire, Acting Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 19th day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and Forty-seven and in the twelfth year of our Reign.

(Sd.)
H. K. DASTUR,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) A. P. NARAYAN IYER,
Sealer.

Messrs. LITTLE & CO.,
Petitioners' Attorneys.

The 19th day of December, 1947. 6655

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